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We've Changed All That

Not so long ago academics were taught in a very rigid, traditional manner; football was the only popular sport; and unrest led to riots at Washington High School. But we've changed all that.

Soaring enrollment in Latin, Chemistry, phase 5 English courses and elective History courses were evidence of increased academic interest. Classes were no longer traditional and boring. Innovative programming included reading and writing labs, synthesized music courses, a new photo lab, and a school store.

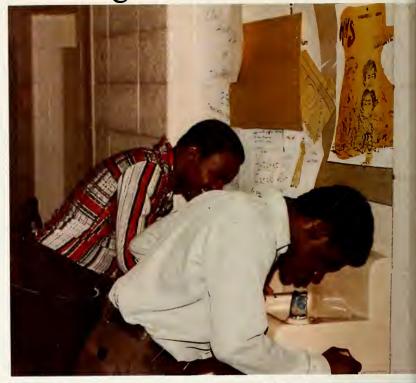
Strong student backing and support was evident for football, basketball, wrestling, and baseball. State rankings in football and basketball, local titles in wrestling, and improvement in baseball merged with traditional sportsmanship to give the Panthers a reason to be proud.

Constructive activity replaced disorder as the focal point of the student's life. Noteworthy projects such as an annual blood drive, and volunteer work for Century Center were a direct result of student involvement in activities, ranging from the Junior Waltons to golf.

Initiated with the support of many concerned citizens, the blood drive resulted in one hundred and fifty pints of blood being donated by WHS students to the blood bank.

National Honor Society members joined the volunteer force as Century Center celebrated its grand opening.

Involvement was the key in changing attitudes concerning academics, sports, and activities. Washington students showed their interest in the school and the community by getting involved. They proved changes could occur, and they made them happen.







top right: Troy McKinney and Howard Tell stop at one of the many vitally located drinking fountains to quench their thirst and talk a little.

right: Linnie Lentych gives her impression of Elton John to anyone who will watch in the school cafeteria.

far right: A vivid change in fashion is displayed by a 1960 yearbook picture and a 1978 yearbook shot.





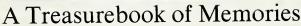


top right: Doug Szlanfucht portrays the average Washington student's wardrobe in stripes and jeans.

top left: Cindy Robakowski is a smart number in her gauchos and boots.

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In September, the new school year seemed as if it would never end. But as May rolled around, everyone wondered where the year had gone.

Many events-too many to mentionhad given the year a unique quality. One item, however, linked the entire year-the "Memory Lane" yearbook.

With yearbook in hand, and the school calendar coming to a close, students turned their attention to how many signatures they could collect, who was in the yearbook, and a few unlucky people found there were no extra books left to buy.

In its thirty-eighth year of publication, Memory Lane still served a single purpose -as a bridge back to the "good ole high school days" when gauchos and painter pants were the "in" fashion, when "Star Wars" was the talk-of-the-year and tickets for "Kiss" and "Aerosmith" were scarce. Memories of certain weekend, or of a special person, of clubs, sports, class parties, and of course the prom were all recaptured.

A yearbook was an invaluable keepsake which contained the treasure of memories. Remember when . . .

top left: Teresa Mack enjoys one of her favorite hobbies at a local pool hall.

right: A group of WHS students pose for a picture during one of the yearbook's sessions at Bicentennial Park, downtown South Bend.







left: A couple of students are puzzled by the appearance of a huge tire in the front circle.

below: Brian Kirkendoll and Eric Williams are two of Washington's finest athletes.







above: Glen Duddleson, Julie Rafalski, and Jay Rendos take time out for some fun while decorating for the Homecoming assembly.

left: The covers change every year to add a uniqueness to each "Memory Lane".

Moving On; Getting Better

In 1960 the students of Washington prepared for a big change. They moved from 1534 W. Sample Street to a newly built high school at 4747 W. Washington St. The move from an old, two-story building overgrown with ivy to a modern one floor structure required an immense adjustment.

A swimming pool was available for classes, along with courtyards where students escaped the monotony of the school routine. A horseshoe in front of the main entrance made for easy access to the

The school had moved, but the Panther pride and tradition moved with it. That same spirit lived on into 1978.

right: Library hours are from seven until three and Patty Haugel takes the chance to do a little research.

top right: A humorous moment without worry of classes is shared betwen friends at the school cafeteria.

below: A unique feature of Washington is its courtyards and many students take advantage of the scenic atmosphere.







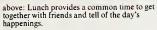












top right: Aubrey Williams takes time out to get a little study time in at the school library.

left: (bottom) Washington High School was originally located at 1534 W. Sample it then moved to 4747 W. Washington St. in 1960. (top)







Student Life

Relaxing, watching TV, going to a movie, shopping, talking on the phone, studying, practicing for a sport, or working to earn some money. What did all these have in common? They were the ways students spent their free time.

While some students hurried home to study a little or relax, others were busy on the practice field, or on their jobs. Unlike previous years, when students worked only summer jobs, many students worked up to seven hours after school and as many as thirty hours a week during the '78 school year.

With their earnings, the students shopped at one of two area malls and patronized many local businesses. When the money ran out, the parttime workers found themselves at home on the telephone or watching a favorite television show.

Involvement and activity were foremost in the average student's mind. Apathy was a word of the past; the students had changed all that.

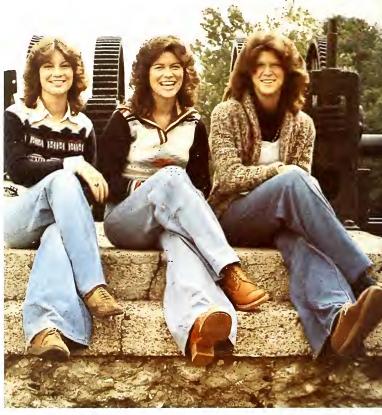
left; Seniors show their spirit in leading the school during the pep assemblies nearly every Friday.



Century Center — a Catalyst

While most central city areas were in a period of decay, South Bend was involved in an effort to keep its downtown area the center of activity. A new skyline slowly emerged as demolition of old buildings provided for new developments.

As a fresh concept in design, Century Center provided the downtown area with a much-needed catalyst or focal point for community affairs. As the fourteen million dollar structure neared completion, plans for a mini-mall were disclosed, and excitement replaced pessimism for the downtown area.



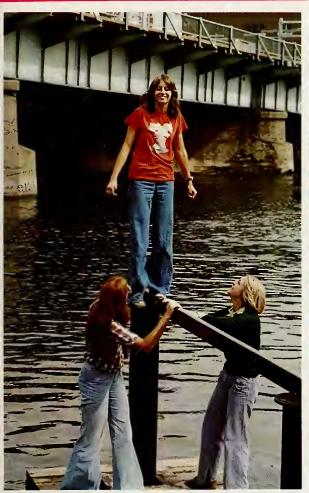
right: Sandy and Sue Matthys and Rachelle Lipinski taking it easy.

bottom left: Afraid of the water?

bottom right: A stroll through Island Park.













above: Lea Anne Robinson and Gloria Eddins relax downtown at one of the many scenic spots on River Bend Plaza.

upper left: Nancy Grodzicki shows her bravery by balancing on a floating pier in Plaza Park.

upper right: A windy day greets Donna Witucki as she visits River Bend Plaza.



A Center of Activity

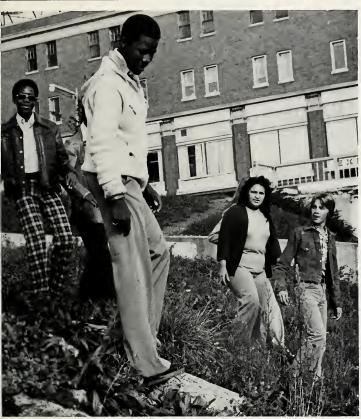
By November 1977, South Bend was celebrating one of the greatest renovations and architectural breakthroughs everthe Century Center. The Century Center was more than just a place to have parties and proms; it had a Performing Arts Center, including a theatre, a rehearsal hall, a music room, and a green room for small social gatherings or receptions. During a prom or party at the Century Center, wouldn't it have been nice to go on a quiet walk with that special someone? Well you could have because in addition to the Center, South Bend gained a beautiful park surrounded by flowers and waterfalls. Island Park was connected to the Center and was right along the Saint Joseph River. Before the prom you wanted to take your date out for dinner and really impress her. But where? Also on the river was Captain Alexander's Moonraker. It was an exclusive restaurant that served the finest of foods. The Moonraker also offered drinks and dancing in its own dancing room-Davy's Locker. Maybe some of you wanted to go dancing on a weekend. Well you could have. There was also a new discotheque called Cinnabars-the only disco in South Bend. It was located downtown on River Bend Plaza. So if you really wanted to have a lot of fun, you should have tried out some of these places our town had to offer and have seen for yourself if South Bend wasn't developing into a newer and more exciting place to live.

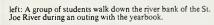




top right: A group of Washington students marvel at the new Island Park behind the Century Center.

right: Miki Grontkowski tries to decide the delicate matter of whether or not her newfound boyfriend "loves her" or "loves her not," as Nancy Grodzicki





bottom left: Roberta Salata displays the typical brother-sister kindness to David.

below: Janet Doomes looks over the scenic St. Joe River.





LIVING IT UP







Daydreams Come True

The summer found many Washington High students joining the ranks of vacationing America. While Mariott's Great America was visited by many of the students, Disney World in Orlando, Florida proved to be the number one vacation spot for most students, according to the results of a school survey.

It all began in the spring with the annual migration of Seniors and some underclassmen to the sunny beaches of Florida. The first of their priorities was to bring back a dark brown tan to the then snowbound city of South Bend.

Daytona Beach was the center of activity; and consequently, many students stayed on the beach and visited Disney World, a fascinating side trip.

Lifetime memories of a splendid week in the sun as a senior were but some of the many treasured souvenirs which the vacationers brought back with them to South Bend.

above: A two story carousel greets visitors to Marriott's Great America just north of Chicago, Illinois.

right: A magic castle is the most prominent sight in the Magic Kingdom at Disney World in Orlando, Florida











above: Sunrise at Daytona Beach which is the center of activity for most students on spring break.

upper left: Soaring through the air with a kite is a part of the fabulous water ski show at Cyprus Gardens.

left: A giant balloon was a special attraction at Kings Island near Cincinnati, Ohio.

far left: The tower at Mariott's Great America was just opening as the 1978 school year started.







top left: Cynthia Wright plays one of her many records in her spare time.

top right: Jeff Geehring spends his free time and extra money on a favorite pastime—pinball.

above: Princess Leia places a message for help to Ben Kenobi in Artoo-Detoo in another scene from "Star Wars."

right: Another scene from "Star Wars" shows Luke Skywalker inspecting the newly acquired robots, Artoo-Detoo and See-threepio.





An Alternative to Snow



When the bitter coldness of winter set in, and a heavy blanket of snow was a common sight, students turned their attention to indoor activities. Pinball, pool, ping-pong, bowling, and attending movies became popular pastimes.

"Star Wars," the most popular movie of the student body according to the Memory Lane School Survey, set all-time records in an extended 5 month showing at a local theatre. WHS students followed a nationwide trend in flocking to see the science fiction fantasy.

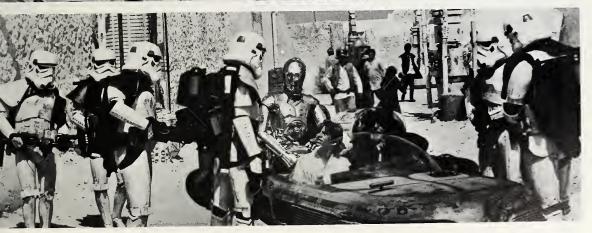
When money ran short, television proved to be the alternative to theatre movies. "Starsky and Hutch," "Charlie's Angels," and "Happy Days" were voted the top television shows by the WHS student body.



top: Richie Cunningham, although a college student, still asks high school dropout Fonzie for advice on the show "Happy Days."

middle: "Charlie's Angels" was a favorite TV show of the male population.

bottom: Imperial stormtroopers interrogate Ben Kenobi and Luke Skywalker about their robots in the movie sensation of the year, "Star Wars".

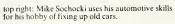


below: Anne Rajski shows that she is a true country girl in having a hobby like horseback riding.









above: Maureen Horvath practices a useful skill that she learned in photography class.

right: Judy Kloski gets plenty of exercise by riding her bike five miles a day.



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Hobbies

"Never a dull moment." Never was this statement truer than during the 1977-78 school year. When school work was completed and spare time was at hand; many students used the opportunity to engage in many, varied hobbies.

Sports proved the most popular hobby among the student body, but many students found enjoyment with unique hobbies.

Candle-making was a pastime for Senior Sandy Lundquist. She had been creating candles for over 5 years.

Kathy Laskowski spent some of her spare time with needle and thread in hand, and Karen Miller and Tina Plummer enjoyed gymnastics.

There were many types of hobbies to get involved with, and with 1448 students, almost every type of hobby was represented by WHS.

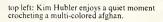
bottom left: Sandy Lundquist paints in the fine facial details on a candle which she has spent ten hours on already.











top right: Kathy Laskowski is turning two yards of ordinary material into a magnificient blouse by using her sewing skills.

above: Like most students, Jeanne Konkol spends at least two hours a night on the telephone.



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A Time for Relaxing





After school students participated in various activities at home and with their friends.

Weekday evenings were filled with various amounts of homework, household chores, and a brief glimpse of television. The remainder of the evening was usually spent on the telephone with friends. In addition to these activites, 50% of the student body held part-time jobs.

By the time the weekend rolled around plans had already been finalized. Friday nights were reserved for football and McDonalds. Saturdays were for sleeping till noon, then jamming to a concert at night or taking in a movie with a few

Last minute homework and memories of the past weekend made the students wish the weekend was just beginning.





far left: According to a recent survey, most students watch TV at least 3 hours each night.

top left: Checking up on some homework or just visiting, the telephone plays an important part in Barb Konkol's life.

left: Cooking is good experience for later in life, and Judy Babinski has a head start on many others.

MAKING IT HAPPEN







Work Experience for the Future

Pursuit of the dollar led Washington students to many various and unusual occupations.

Area food chains along with Scottsdale Mall were the principal beneficiaries of student employment.

Some students, however, worked at such places as Memorial Hospital, Notre Dame University, South Bend Country Club and McDonald's Studio.

Hours ranged from five or six to as many as thirty-five to forty. Many times it was difficult to keep up with school work and hold down a job, but most students managed.

The money earned was channeled through one of two routes; either students would save for the future, or they would enjoy themselves bowling or shopping.

Whether the work was training for a future career or just for a litle extra spending money, a job was a normal part of most students' lives.

top: Mary Stachowiak and Judy Kloski talk over the day's business at Burger Chef.

night: Vicky Plencner does her thing at Gina's Pizza. Pizza was a popular late night treat for students.







left: Cindy Strzelecki assists a customer at L. S. Ayres in Scottsdale Mall.



above: Nancy Weaver runs the cash register at Hooks Drugs in the Belleville Shopping Center.

left: Arranging greeting cards is just one of many various jobs Patty Verosky is called upon to do at G. L. Perry Variety Stores.

MAKING IT HAPPEN



WHS Well Represented

Washington High School was represented almost everywhere in the community. Students held jobs at such various places as Park -n- Shop, Wygant's Florist, McDonalds, Long John Silver's Seafood Shoppe, Kentucky Fried Chicken, gas stations, banks, and the Black Cow ice cream parlor.

From throwing fries to scooping ice cream, Washington's employed students worked at nearly every type of occupation possible.





top right: A favorite snack of any age group is ice cream, and Ann Finch has her hands full in keeping the public happy at the Black Cow.

far right: Judy Kloski trys to keep up with the demand for french fries at Burger Chef.

right: All girls enjoy flowers and Cindi Orlowski is lucky enough to work among groups of flowers at Wygant's Floral Shop.



left: Stacking food at a local store keeps Linda Kasznia busy at Park -n- Shop.





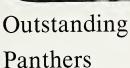


top right: Sue Major works at delivering baked goods all over South Bend.

bottom right: Cooking fish and other various seafood, Mike Phillips even looks like a pirate at Long John Silver's.

MAKING IT HAPPEN





Washington High School had changed a great deal in the past few years. The students were taking an interest in more, and varied activities. Students such as Randy Kosinski and Jannicke Hope participated in exchange programs to enrich their cultural backgrounds through direct experience. Others did it by taking a foreign language for four years. We also had four commended scholars named as a result of their high PSAT testing scores. Girls State and Boys State also had delegates from Washington, which gave students the opportunity to learn more about the United States' political system.

top: The four-year language students: (l. to r.) Steve Lutomski, Randy Kosinski. (middle) Pam Wright, Barb Konkol, Roberta Salata, Miki Grontkowski. (back) Pam Krauser, Cheryl Goralski, Mike Carver, Lisa Schroer.

top middle: Miki Grontkowski relaxes with her cat as she reminisces about Girls State.

right: In order to prepare for Boys State, Paul Werwas reads many patriotic books.

middle bottom: Michelle Kasznia and Jannicke Hope from Bergen, Norway talk about Jannicke's home















above: Randy Kosinski traveled to Germany during his summer vacation on an Honors program.

upper right: Washington's four commended scholars were. (l. to r.) Kathy Laskowski, Jean Schery, Julie Wroblewski, and (not pictured.) Lisa Schroer.









MAKING IT HAPPEN



Yearbook Photography



Developing, drying and printing of pictures were all in a day's work for Mike Suppinger. Starting out as a photographer in the sixth grade, he continued through his senior year, working as head photographer on the yearbook staff. In 1976, he attended, along with four other students, a high school journalism institute at Indiana University; where, competing against thirty other photographers, he won a third place award for the "Best Portfolio." In 1977, he received a nomination for the Kodak Medallion of Excellence. Later in the year he won the award. His photograph was selected from among two thousand entries. After graduation, Mike planned to attend Indiana University as a photojournalism major.

left: An Old Fisherman

bottom: Tree Shadows (Medallion of Excellence



right: Cheerleaders and the Panther add the spark to pep assemblies. The senior class has the job of leading the school.



Washington Hi School Hats Off to Thee!

"We've got spirit, yes we do, we've got spirit, how 'bout you?" This and many other cheers echoed through the gym every Friday during football season and various Fridays throughout the year. Pep assemblies were just about the only break from the monotony of everyday class routine.

The Pep Band played an important role during pep assemblies by inspiring the crowd with musical numbers and background for cheers. The Panther mascot, along with the cheerleaders, led the crowd in cheers; consequently, spirit soared, and the team was ready to play.

Coaches and designated team captains

fired the crowd with their enthusiastic talks about the next opponent; while the Pantherettes added to the overall spirit as they performed to many popular songs. Senior skits were well-received as the Seniors portrayed the upcoming opponent, and somehow WHS always came out on top.

As the assembly came to an end, the cheerleaders led the school with a "Good Luck" cheer, followed by the band playing the school song and finally capped with each class' battle cry. Pep assemblies added a special flavor to an otherwise lackluster week



top: The varsity cheerleaders fall into their normal formation following the "Good Luck" cheer at the conclusion of the assembly.

right: Cheerleaders lead the Freshman and Juniors, but neither class can cheer as loud as the Seniors.

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above: As a result of decorating for the assembly, the football team Senior members were greeted with their names on the wall.

left: Four Seniors take a break from decorating for Homecoming assembly. (l. to r.) Amy Bajer; Glen Duddleson; Jay Rendos; and Julie Rafalski.



right: Craig Kovatch, Armando Canul and Greg Matthews break the zone against St. Joe.

lower right: Randy Rodgers and Ted Meert display the ever-present defense of the Washington Hockey Club.

bottom: Mike Jozwiak takes a shot against the St. Joe defense.



SPACE: COMPLIMENTS OF SAINT JOSEPH YOUNG MEN'S SOCIETY

"Icers" Overcome



After a long, and sometime bitter fight, the W.H.S. Hockey Club had finally found its way into Memory Lane. Although success in the measure of records had been elusive for the past few years; nevertheless, effort had never been lacking in the Hockey program.

The W.H.S. Hockey Club was not affiliated with Washington High School and was not considered an I.H.S.A.A. sport. Consequently, the team financed itself through programs sold at each game and through individual payments which ran as high as \$400-\$500 per player, per year. The 1978 team tri-captains were Craig Kovatch, Greg Matthews, and Jim Rogers. The coach was Mike Kosinski.

left: Eric Britton and Greg Matthews go in for a

bottom: The 1977-78 Hockey Club: (l. to r.) back row, Mike Jozwiak, Paul Wesolowski, Ron Rogers, Kevin Plonka, Paul Sinka, middle row, manager John DeLeon, Armando Canul, Eric Budney, Greg Matthews, Randy Rogers, Steve Sinka, coach Mike Kosinski, first row, Mike Petkovich, Dave Niezgodski, Jim Rogers, Bob Jozwiak, and Craig







Activities

White shoe-polish, painted lockers, greenpapered lights, hundreds of yards of green and white crepe paper, posters and signs topped off "Spirit Week." Classes and school clubs worked together to decorate the halls of W.H.S. and to prepare for the "Great Bonfire." The weeklong festivities ended with the Friday night football game against the Mishawaka "Cavemen" for the NIC title.

Although a special week had been set aside to celebrate school spirit, the spirit didn't stop there. A wide variety of clubs at W.H.S. promoted school spirit and pride all year long. The clubs, ranging from the Ski Club to the National Honor Society, helped create unity among students, faculty, and the community. Also the many clubs and organizations worked separately and together to plan a variety of activities which varied in purpose; some just to provide entertainment; others to raise funds; some to provide educational information; and others to perform volunteer community services.

With such a wide variety of clubs and activities students no longer ran out the school doors at the three o'clock bell. We've changed all that, staying at school to really get involved at W.H.S.

left: Thousands of West Side football fans cheer on the symbolic hanging and burning of a Caveman preceding the Mishawaka-Washington frontball game.

Rain Dampens Football



right: The 1977 Football Homecoming Court, (l. to r.) back: Geoffrey Bradley, Mike Szymczak, Brian Kirkendoll, Larry Turner, Craig Kovatch. front: Jackie Ragland, Lea Ann Robinson, Penny Malone, Darlene Rodgers, Karin Gustafson.

lower right: Bernard Doaks, Ron Johnson and Dennis Givens, the varsity football captains for the week, give pep talks to the team during the assembly.

below: Seniors and Sophomores cheer the team on to a victory during the Friday morning pep rally.





Homecoming Festivities



Rain and a cold wind prevailed on the night of October seventh, chosen as Football Homecoming 1977. At halftime the day-long rain let up somewhat, allowing the court to be introduced to the spectators.

The ten Senior girls who formed the court were chosen from a multitude of nominees. Karin Gustafson, escorted by Craig Kovatch, was chosen as queen.

The night before Homecoming the Seniors decorated the gym with streamers and colorful banners. The Seniors also sponsored the homecoming dance, which was held in the cafeteria after the game. Music was by "Special Edition", a popular local band.

In 1976 Penn, in their first game ever against Washington, destroyed the Panthers' hopes of participating in the 1976 playoffs. This year's game, however, was sweet revenge, as the Panthers rolled over the Kingsmen 21-3 in their first NIC meeting.





upper left: The other half of the court consists of (L. to r.) back: Mike Mincey, Dave Hyduk, Dave Redding, Mike Lewinski, Ted Meert. front: Allison Townsend, Carol Erickson, Connie Lawshea, Donna Witucki, Denise Goralski.

left: Karin Gustafson, escorted by Craig Kovatch, was crowned queen during half-time at the Penn

above: Mary Sue Findley dances with her friends to the music by "Special Edition" at the dance immediately following the football game against



top: The Pantherette captains and officers pose in front of the Sports Mural donated by the class of '77. (Standing l.-r,) Co-captains Sue Matthys, Lisa Digirolamo. (Kneeling l.-r.) Treasurer, Cindy Strzelecki. Historian, Sandy Matthys, Secretary, Sherri Weesner.

below: The new Pantherettes members selected last spring. (l. -r, J Sheryl Matthys, Jill Gleason, Jackie Williams, Mary Luczkowski, Mary Lewinski, Vicki McCammon, Jo Ann Kyle and Allison Townsend.





center right: Both Pantherettes and Cheerleaders help promote school spirit. Here Cindy Orlowski, Cheryl Szweda, and Cindy Strzelecki enjoy a good joke before one of the pep assemblies.

lower right: Chorus line formations are included in almost every routine of the Pantheretttes.



Pantherettes Place Sixth in State





While most students bathed in the sun and swam at the beaches during the first week of August, the Pantherettes were getting together routines for the '78 school year. During the summer of 1977, eight Pantherettes went to a Pom-Pon camp in Valparaiso, Indiana, Starting out with nothing except lots of luggage and, of course, pom-pons, the Pantherettes came home with two first place and four second-place ribbons.

Summer activities didn't end with summer camp for the Pantherettes. Eight Pantherettes also went to the Indiana State Fair Drill Team Competition. The results were a sixth place rating in the state, placing ahead of formerly-rated first place team. Mississinewa, who only placed seventh.

With the start of school in September the old and new Pantherettes, headed by their new sponsors, Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Turner, made plans for future performances and fund-raising activities. The Pantherettes performed at pep assemblies, basketball game half-times, and the "bonfire". Together with their sponsors they raised money by selling candy and taffy apples, and by co-sponsoring a dance with the cheerleaders.

At the end of the year the Seniors had to leave with the many unforgettable memories of the past year, while selections began for next year's Pantherettes.

top: Perfect timing is a "must" for every Pantherette. In this routine the Pantherettes hurry to their places in time to the music.

bottom: The '77-'78 Pantherettes: (top row) boltoni, The 17-76 Faintheretes, 100 7687, Allison Townsend, Sherri Weesner, Lisa Digirolamo, Mary Lewinski. (2nd row) Maureen Horvath, Cindy Strzelecki, Vicki McCammon, Mary Luczkowski. (3rd row) Sandy Matthys, Sheryl Matthys, Jill Gleason, Sue Matthys. (bottom row) Cassandra Thomas, Cindy Orlowski, Jackie Williams, Jo Ann Kyle.

The Leaders of Spirit

"We've got the spirit!" was a line from one of Washington's cheers. But, it may as well have been the motto of the W.H.S. Booster Club. Hardly a week went by that the spirit and pride of the Booster Club did not show in the form of colorful posters, banners and sayings.

Members met faithfully to create something different each week. The supplies used were purchased with money earned through selling programs and bumper stickers. The hoop that the football players ran through at the beginning of the games was also made by the Booster Club. This year twenty members supported the club. Officers were; Cheryl Harding, president; Jane Pejza, vice-president; Karen Pietraszewski and Michelle Downer, poster chairmen; and Marijo Krzyznaniak, secretary and treasurer.

Cheerblock also helped create school spirit. Sitting together in a specially designated area during assemblies, they encouraged the other students to yell and cheer as loud as they could to show their pride for their school. The group was led by Roseanna Stephenson and sponsored by Virginia Espinoza and Allen Maxwell







top: The members of the '77-'78 Booster Club; (back row) Sharon Jenkins, Kim Hubler, Judy Kloski, Judi Monaboch, Karla James, Diana Gadson, Vanessa Wilson. (middle row) Linda Cross. Vicky Plencner, Berenda Herley, Shari Robakowski, Mitzi Garner, Beverly Powell, Karen Pietraszewski. (bottom row) Tina Gilleand, Georgia Jones, Aletha Hairston, Belinda Horton, Cheryl Harding, Jane Pejza.

center: Booster Club Officers Jane Pejza, vicepresident; Cheryl Harding, president, and Karen Pietraszewski, poster chairman.

bottom: The 1977-1978 Cheerblock cheered the football and basketball teams on to many victories.

Cavemen Cookout!



What started with a few flares became one of the biggest bonfires in recent W.H.S. history. An enthusiastic crowd of more than 1,500 students, former students, area residents and concerned supporters waited and then cheered as a mock caveman was engulfed in flames, as it hung above the bonfire. Preparation for the Thursday night pep rally had begun much earlier as the leaders of every school organization worked together to build spirit and score a success. The town was literally "painted," as some students used shoe polish and soap to spread messages of Panther Power to many store fronts. Bob Lux and WRBR Disc Jockeys were but a few of the speakers, along with the football coaches, who helped to arouse spirit throughout the crowd.

Ironically, the pep rally preceded the only football game W.H.S. lost in its regular '77 football season. However, it returned the once common bonfire to the W.H.S. football scene.





above: Over 1,500 students, faculty, parents and enthusiastic citizens gather to watch the bonfire.

top left: Captains Doug Szlanfucht, Dion Redding, and Tim Deka give speeches at the bonfire along with the many other guest speakers.

left: The highlight of the night-the burning of the

Deadlines, Deadlines

Designing layouts, cropping pictures, typing copy, selling ads, and making deadlines were all part of the job of being on the yearbook staff. Members worked at school from 7:30 a.m. to as late as 5:00 p.m. everyday, putting together their sections. Often they gave up their free time on days off to come in and help each other.

Staffers worked hard to keep up their grades between rushing to make deadlines and participating in the many other extracurricular activities most engaged in. But when that yearbook arrived in spring, all the pain and anguish of the past year proved worthwhile, because the '77-'78 "Memory Lane" was a yearbook to be proud of.







center left: Editor, Mike Lewinski and sponsor, Mrs. Hintz discuss some of the upcoming plans of the 1977-1978 yearbook.

: Alan Fozo rereads the copy that he has just cen typea ine sports pages.

bottom le were (l-r) N Krauser and The photographers for this year mer. Larry Krempec, Pam







and More Deadlines



"Surprise! This year W.H.S. has to pay for their own newspaper." Although these weren't the exact words School City used to tell the Hatchet Staff of the new policy, it meant the same thing; somehow the Hatchet Staff had to raise enough money to put out a newspaper each Tuesday. This was not the only problem the Hatchet Staff faced. Meeting deadlines, making sure to include all important happenings and selling ads were just a few of the many headaches.

Although the staffers were presented with many problems, it didn't stop them from having fun. During the summer the staffers had a cookout at Mrs. Fodor's house. On October thirteenth, the Hatchet had a breakfast before school. Held in one of the Home Ec. rooms, the staff discussed plans for the upcoming year. Also during October, members of the Hatchet attended a newspaper seminar at Notre Dame. Just for fun, in December, the Staff held a roller skating party at U.S.A. roller rink.

Even though special activities were held, the Hatchet Staff spent many hours a week writing copy, interviewing people, and laying out the whole newspaper getting it ready to be printed.

top: Mrs. Fodor prepares to light the charcoal for the cookout, as Pam Wright studies the edibles.

bottom left: Kevin Jurek and Scott Steiner listen to plans for the Hatchet during the Hatchet breakfast.

below: The editors of the '77-'78 Hatchet are: back (l. to r.) Pam Krauser, Fran Dooms, Kevin Jurek, and head editor Kathy Laskowski, front (l. to r.) Dianne Szymczak, Mrs. Fodor, Pam Wright.





"We love you Conrad, oh yes we do!" echoed through the halls of Washington as the cast of "Bye, Bye, Birdie" rehearsed for their Oct. 18 and 19 performances.

The plot of the play depicted the drafing of a young rock idol, Conrad Birdie, and his final publicity stunt. "one last kiss", presented to a fan picked at random.

Albert, Conrad's manager, (portrayed by Kevin Fye), found himself in the midst of Conrad's leaving and a break-up with his fiance/secretary, Rosie, (Carol Erickson).

The recipient of the "one last kiss", Kim MacAffee, (Sandy Matthys), was having her own troubles, explaining Conrad to her new steady. Hugo, (Mike Alerding). Adding to all the fun was Albert's domineering "Mama", (Linnie Lentych), conceited Conrad, (Jeff Gehring), and Kim's star-struck father, (Ted Meert).

Mr. Lackey and Miss Germano were co-directors of the orchestra, while Mr. Good directed the drama, and Mrs. Butler conducted the chorus.

'We Love You Conrad!'





top: Conrad (Jeff Gehring), teaches Kim (Sandy Matthys) and her friends "how to live!"

above: Jane Zurat and Ann Pietraszewski gossip about the pinning of Hugo and Kim.

right: Albert (Kevin Fye) expounds on Conrad's virtues to an unbelieving Mr. MacAffee (Ted Meert).





left: A worried stage manager, (Glenn Duddleson). tries to persuade a star-struck Mr. MacAffee to leave the set of the Ed Sullivan Show.

center left: Conrad (Jeff Gehring) drives his fans into a frenzy as he sings.







center right: Rosie (Carol Erickson) informs Albert (Kevin Fye) that she is leaving him for good.

bottom: The drama club officers for the year; (l. to r.) Peter Owsianowski, Ricky Szymanowski, Gail Wood, Kevin Fye, Rachele Lipinski, Lennie Lentych and Mike Alerding.

N.H.S. Makes Plans for Future

In April of 1977 many Juniors were inducted into the N.H.S., at the annual induction dinner at Z.B. Falcons. After the dinner, the inductees and their parents were introduced, and the new members received pins and candles.

The new members took the responsibilities of providing services to the community. During the summer, members painted the animal shelters at Potawatomi Zoo. A few members volunteered to usher at various Century Center events. On Halloween, members entertained the children at the Northern Indiana Children's Hospital with Halloween and Sesame Street songs.

To help raise money for various activities, the N.H.S. ran school concession stands and sold candy.

Although the members of N.H.S. were kept busy, they found time to have some fun. For Christmas they held a party at Mrs. Sell's house with food, carols, bingo, and lots of fun. Even more exciting though, was the year-end trip which brought back memories of the past year together.





above: 1977-78 N.H.S. members: (sitting) Bobbi Salata, Kathy Kruszewski, Mike Yates, Rodney Phillipi, John Banicki. (kneeling) Pam Krauser, Kathy Laskowski, Miki Grontkowski, Barbara Konkol and Pam Fozo.

top right: N.H.S. Officers: (standing) Julie Wroblewski, Vice-president and Dan Kazmierzak, Treasurer, (kneeling) Laurie Bednarek, President and Miki Grontkowski, Secretary.

right: Sponsor, Mrs. Sell listens as members discuss future plans at the Christmas party.





Left: Sandy Lundquist, Bobbi Salata, Bridget Szynski and Barb Konkol relax before going caroling at the Christmas party,

Below: More members of N.H.S.: (sitting) Bridget Szynski, Diana Szymczak, Sandy Lundquist, Donna Witucki and Laurie Bednarek. (kneeling) Paul Kil, Julie Wroblewski, Cindy Orlowski, Donna Chwalek and Mike Lewinski.

Bottom: Members each brought a side dish for the Christmas party.





Clubs Offer Their Services to

The Video Tape Club was a new addition to Washington's list of extracurricular organizations this year. Sponsored by Mr. Swafford, the group consisted of students who worked with Washington's video equipment. Providing service to the teachers; they also worked on their own creative productions.

An additional activity consisted of promoting the use of video equipment by teachers. Students acted as teaching aides in the classroom. The group taped several gym classes so the teachers could replay the tape to show students where they needed improvement. A workshop to inform teachers of the value of video equipment was one of the planned activities for the year.

The Video Tape Club planned to enter their own creative ventures at the Audio Visual Fair. Each member planned to enter a ten minute segment of film in this competition.



above: Mr. Swafford explains some of the techniques and usages of video tape equipment to members of the club.

top right: The 1977-78 Video Tape Club: Margie Lula, Jim Lauer, Allen Shirk, Mr. Swafford, Becky Maciejewski and Tom Tarr.

right: Jim Lauer and Becky Maciejewski set up equipment to get ready to take movies of the swim team.





The School and the Community



Preservation of wildlife and the study of ecology were the many interests of the Junior Waltons. The club was cosponsored by Mr. Klaybor and Mr. Dziubinski, members of the Isaac Walton League.

Activities were a Christmas party at the Isaac Walton Lodge and their annual "tree give-away" program, at which the club distributed 1,700 trees to the public.

With only one returning member the club had to rebuild its membership this year, and even though the group remained small, they were very dedicated.

Similar to the Junior Waltons, the membership of the Ushers Club was also low this year.

For the first time the Girls' Ushers Club extended their membership to include

Freshmen. Although the Freshmen's duties were the same, they needed two recommendations from teachers or other qualified staff members to be able to join the club.

The girls ushered for the fall musical and the spring play. Besides ushering for these two big events, the girls also ushered for the band, orchestra and choir concerts throughout the year. The final service of these ushers was to assist with the Senior graduation ceremony.

In keeping with the "fifties" setting of the fall musical, the ushers dressed in fifties apparel for the performance. At the end of the year the girls took on a different appearance when they wore a variety of long spring dresses for the graduation ceremony.





top left: Marie Horton, along with the other ushers, passes out programs for all school performances.

right: The 1977-78 Junior Waltons: (standing) Dave Sult, Joe Leszcynski, Jim Majewski, David Andrews, Paul Bykowski and Mr. Klaybor, (sitting) Ken Plencher, Chicky Chavez, Dan Bonczynsi and Dave Knapik.

left: The 1977-78 Ushers Club: (standing) Kim Hubler and Sue Nowaczewski. (sitting) Marie Horton, Barbara Konkol, Miss Baer, Judy Kloski and Debra Miller.

"Let It Snow!"

As those first few flakes of snow fell late in November, moans and groans could be heard from many Panthers. Thoughts of blocked streets, stricken cars and fierce cold filled their memories. Not so for the W.H.S. Ski Club whose members hoped and prayed for enough snow to ski; but not too much so as to prevent their getting to the slopes!

Beginning skiers, as well as experienced members, were welcome in the group. Membership increased considerably over the previous year; evidence of the increased interest in this exciting winter sport. The club did most of their skiing at Bendix Woods or Royal Valley.

Mr. Tomaszewski sponsored the club and helped to teach beginners. Elected as officers were: Kathy Kruszewski, president: Karen Kalicki, vice-president: Joan Zurat and Julie Cwidak, cosecretaries.





above: Jeff Salata, David Salata and Eric Budny ride the chair lift to their destination at Royal Valley.

top: The 1977-78 Ski Club

right: David Salata shows his style on the slopes at Royal Valley.



Marksmen Earn N.R.A. Awards







"Ready, aim . . . fire!" The Rifle Club was off to a new start, hot in pursuit of an improved season after a disappointing record last year. Competition, however, was different in 1978; individual marskmanship goals were established by each member of the group. Formerly, competition had been held against other high school rifle teams. Points were earned by each member as they worked toward an award offered by the National Rifle Association. The club practiced their marksmanship at Newman Center.

For the first time, a female, Judy Honabach, became a member of the club. Joining her were many returning members from last year's squad.

Mr. Tomaszewski sponsored the group and helped the members acquire the necessary skill of an accomplished sharpshooter.

top: The 77-78 Rifle Club: (back l. to r.) Jim Jaworski, Dan Kazmierzak, Dave Kolacz, Tom Tarr. Mr. Tomaszewski. (front) Jeff Boochar. Tom Cherrone, Paul Borkowski, Mike Plencner, Gary Plencner.

far left: Gary Plencner takes aim during one of the Rifle Club practices.

left: Mike Plencner settles himself in a comfortable position while trying to improve marksmanship.

below: Dave Kolacz squints in anticipation of his



Spring Trip Caps Year

When spring came, most Language Club members packed up and headed to Chicago for a day. They saw a play, ate an ethnic dinner and went sightseeing. Members prepared all year for this trip and raised funds for it by sponsoring a chicken dinner. The dinner was a success despite obstacles caused by the coal strike in February.

Other activities held were a car wash in the summer and a "getting acquainted" picnic at Bendix Woods in the fall. The chicken dinner was by far the main activity uniting the group.

Any student taking a foreign language was eligible for membership in the Language Club, which is sponsored by the foreign language teachers: Mr. Guin, Mrs. Goldberg, Mr. Pikuza, Mrs. Tulchinsky and Mrs. Garcia.





above: Amy Bajer, Sherry Kosinski, Miki Gront-kowski, Cheryl Goralski and Nancy Grodzicki enjoy a game of "egg toss" with other members.

top: Officers for the Language Club were: (l. to r.) Mike Lewinski, Shelly Leevan, Steve Lutomski, Pam Wright, Randy Kosinski, Cheyl Goralski and Lisa Schroer.

right: Michelle Kaznia washes the roof of a van as other members work on the rest during the car wash this summer.









top left: Sherry Kosinski gives this car a thorough wash down as Lisa Schroer hangs rags to dry.

top right: (l. to r.) Mr. Pikuza, Mrs. Goldberg, Mrs. Garcia, Mrs. Tulchinski and Mr. Guin, sponsors of the Language Club, meet to discuss plans for the chicken dinner with the members.

bottom: Amy Bajer enjoys herself at the "getting acquainted" picnic at Bendix Woods.

Juniors Plan 1978 Homecoming

"The envelope, please!" requested the announcer as the crowd impatiently waited. "And the 1978 Basketball Homecoming queen is, Mary Jo Leda!"

The activities surrounding the 1978 Basketball Homecoming could only be described as exciting. A pep assembly, during which the ten Senior girls who comprised the 1978 court and their escorts were introduced, initiated the festivities on Friday, January 13.

Following the assembly, the entire court attended a breakfast at Golden Bear; they then tried to relax, as they anticipated the evening's game against Mishawaka.

Meanwhile mums and boutonnieres were abundant at W.H.S., as the Junior class sponsored both the flower sale and the Homecoming dance.

The Homecoming game pitted the Panthers against arch-rival Mishawaka. The Panthers proved too powerful for the Cavemen, as they won handily 82-57. Thus, the crowning of the queen at halftime proved to be the highlight of the evening.

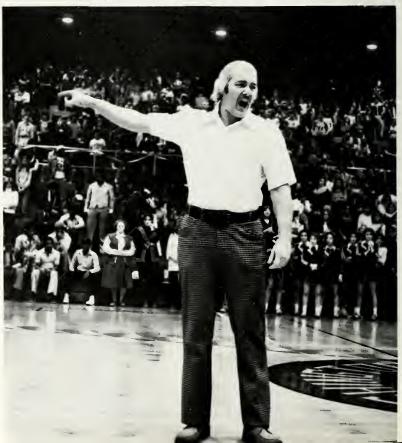




above: Juniors, Virginia Hoffman and Ann Finch prepare the aisle for the 1978 Basketball Homecoming.

top right: Members of the basketball team listen as their coaches give pep talks to the fans during the Homecoming assembly.

right: Assistant Coach Weber grabs the attention of the students at the assembly as he stresses the need for team support, (without the help of a microphone).

















Students Promoting Interests

Helping organize school activities was the Student Council's main purpose. Although the membership was low, the group worked hard attempting to get students involved in school programs.

At Christmas, the members cosponsored a dance with the Hatchet Staff to raise money for a needy family.

The group also planned the annual blood drive. Throughout the year they urged volunteers from the community to donate blood.

For the second year the Student Council planned the Muscular Dystrophy Dance Marathon, which was held at Washington in the spring. Local merchants supported this activity by donating food and prizes. To raise money for the various activities, the members sold W.H.S. pennants.





above: The officers of the 1977-78 Student Council were (l. to r.) Karen Tucker, Rose Brown, Cheryl Goralski and Nancy Grodzicki.

top: (back, l. tor.) Rose Brown, Janice Coleman, Tina Plummer, Cheryl Goralski, Nancy Grodzicki, Mr. Hairston. (front) Stephanie Green, Jeanne Konkol, Karen Tucker, Jackie Ragland.

right: Mr. Hairston speaks to the group about their plans for the upcoming Dance Marathon.



Extra Activities Fulfill Year



Washington's extra-curricular activities were as much a part of school life as school itself. Extra-curricular activities, besides uniting a group, were an excellent source of income. Selling mums and boutonnieres for Homecoming often brought in the extra money needed for some project for one of the classes. So when Easter Day came in '78, the Juniors decided to sell the flowers once more to help supplement their funds for the prom. Dances were the big money-makers, and classes and clubs had to put in their bid early to sponsor one.

A lot of activities were just for fun, like the Senior-Faculty games where the Senior guys took on the Faculty "brawn" in hilarious games of basketball.

Every year there were new and enjoyable activities added to the previous format; but whether planned for months or spontaneous, school wouldn't have been the same without them.





above: Greg Matthews and Nancy Grodzicki imitate the "Cavemen" in the Senior skit.

top: A group of Washington students "boogie" to the music at one of the many dances sponsored by

left: Bill Crittendon vocalizes with his band at a dance after one of the football games.





Academics

While high schools across the country suffered from low proficiency scores and did nothing about them, W.H.S. developed academic programs geared to improve the students' interest in school.

Students could choose the type of class which best suited their needs; whether it was interpreting Shakespeare or just a review of basic English skills. Nine week English mini-courses allowed students to take two classes, where only one would have been possible in past years. These short-term classes kept students' interests longer and provided a wide range in selection of English courses.

In addition to the classes themselves the resources available to the students made learning easier. The school library contained thousands of books on various subjects. Audio-visual equipment helped students image the cultures they had studied.

The most important part of the academic program was the excellent teaching staff. Students enjoyed working for a concerned and dedicated faculty.

With all these improvements, boring classes became a thing of the past. Washington took pride in being able to say. "WE'VE CHANGED ALL THAT."

left: Students sometimes feel as if they are buried by their homework but the school library offers 15,133 books to help in their search by knowledge.

English Ain't So Easy

The phased English classes at Washington were designed to help students at all levels of learning.

A Reading Lab provided individual attention for students who experienced difficulty in reading and comprehension. New equipment, better materials, and a larger working area encouraged the students to learn.

A second type of lab also existed at W.H.S. The Writing Lab aided students with problems in written expression. Since it was located in the back of the cafeteria, teachers were available during lunchtime to answer writing questions regarding themes and reports.

Students interested in acting enjoyed Theatre Arts class. Pantomines, skits, and plays allowed students to display their dramatic abilities.

The college bound student found a challenge in Essay Writing and Research Paper. Besides having to write three essays, students also read four or more novels and took weekly vocabulary tests. Needless to say they were kept busy.

The English Department expanded and improved to better accommodate and satisfy the student body.

above right: Kevin Green and Shelley Tomlinson act out a dramatic scene in Theatre Arts class.

right: Kevin Czarnecki browses through one of the many magazines which the library contains.









above: Working in small groups is part of the Reading Lab program.

left: The Reading Lab provides some quiet time for David Tijerina.

Learning From Past Experiences

One aspect of the Social Studies
Department this year was the Cadet
Government Program. The year-long
course, taught by Mr. Tulchinsky,
involved eighteen Senior students whose
learning experience consisted of
classwork, field trips and governmentassociated jobs. During the year, the class
visited such places as the County-City
Building and Tippecanoe House. They
studied city government: many were later
placed in related area jobs. From one and
one-half to two hours a day these cadets
worked, gaining much valued experience.

Additional Social Studies courses were Man and His Environment, Psychology, and Afro-Asian Studies. By familiarizing students with historic events, the Social Studies Department prepared students for life as responsible citizens.

top right: David Hyduk sets up a film projector in his American Government class.

bottom right: Freshman Social Studies requires students like Tom Szalewski to familiarize themselves with the countries on the African continent.











above: Mr. Claus speaks softly and carries a big stick.

top left: Students listen with mixed emotions to a lecture in American Government class.

left: Reading about other governments is very interesting according to Allison Zmyslo.

Making It Their Business

The Business Department was one of the most practical departments at W.H.S.

Typing I taught students the proper technique to use and how to center columns, along with many other skills. After students learned the basics, they worked to develop speed and accuracy. Typing students realized that this skill would be helpful in the future.

Additional advanced education in typing was available through Typing 3 and Office Training. In these classes students used electric typewriters as well as manual ones.

Accounting I and II students applied their bookkeeping knowledge on business simulations called "Practice Sets." For approximately six weeks students wrote checks, made out payrolls and issued vouchers for the simulated business.

Students learned about keypunch in Data-Processing class. This course proved invaluable to students who planned a career in computer operations.

Business Law, Introduction to Business, and Market and Store Management also provided students with valuable knowledge about various aspects of business.

top left: Debbie Kazmierczak demonstrates correct typing form.

top right: Reading punch cards is part of Kevin Czarnecki's activities in Data-Processing class.

right: Operating adding machines is part of Office Training, as Michelle Johnson discovers.













left: Mrs. Dimich explains the parts of a typewriter to her Typing I class.

top right: Bernice Fujawa concentrates on not looking at the keyboard of her typewriter.

above: Accounting students like Ken Donaldson prepare for class by completing study guides.

Reducing the Unemployment Rate

Students received work experience through the various Business Clubs at W.H.S.

C.O.E. (Cooperative Office Education) helped students find employment in office-related positions. C.O.E. was also offered as a class. Students learned how to operate the different types of machines that their job required.

A basic course in marketing and salesmanship were the only requirements to become a D.E.C.A. (Distributive Education Clubs of America) member. Students mostly worked in department stores or other retailing businesses.

Another club was I.C.T. (Industrial Cooperative Training). During class, students worked at a job which interested them. They received evaluations for their work and their attitudes.

A new addition was the school store. Located next to the cafeteria, in it were sold such practical things as pens, notebooks, and folders. Live plants, sweat shirts, and custom-made buttons were also available.

The Business Clubs helped students receive valuable work experience.

top right: Mr. Harding instructs his D.E.C.A. students in the principles of banking.

right: C.O.E. students taking a break from their classwork.









above: Mr. Harding monitors the cash register in the new school store.

left: I.C.T. students meet in the Industrial $\Lambda rts\ room\ to\ discuss their jobs.$

The World Under a Microscope

Washington's Science Department offered unique and interesting classes, along with the traditional ones.

Taxidermy, a relatively new class, taught students how to mount fish and other wildlife.

In Astronomy class, students using powerful telescopes, focused on the celestial bodies. Since many nighttime sessions were required, Astronomy class met in school only three times a week.

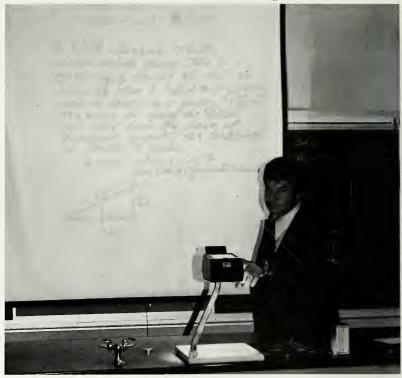
Test tubes, Bunsen-burners, and beakers were much used tools in Chemistry classes. Laboratories not only increased the students' powers of observation, but they also provided students a chance to learn how to work together.

Advanced Biology involved an indepth study of life. In one unit of study, students dissected cats to observe and compare the circulatory, respiratory, and digestive systems.

In addition to these classes, Tree and Bird Life, Animal Kingdom and Earth Science were also offered.

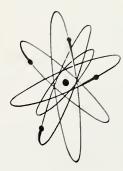
right: No problems are too difficult for Mr. Kraft's Science classes, but no problems are easy either.

below: A telescope in the making as Dan Kazmierzak and Randy Kosinski work during their Astronomy class.











top left: Because of the strange instruments and various chemicals, lab tables often appear to be disaster areas.

left: The Physics class takes a break from problem-solving to look at sun spots.

Learning New Languages

French, German, Latin, and Spanish were the four languages other than English offered to W.H.S. students.

First year students learned the fundamentals of grammar, sentence structure and pronunciation. They spent many hours memorizing various definitions. Verb tenses also demanded hard work.

Students in their second year of a language perfected the skills which they acquired during their first year of study. Idioms were introduced; students drew pictures to illustrate the difficult idiomatic expressions.

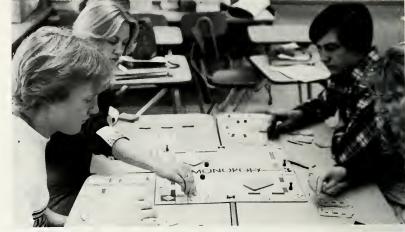
Third, fourth, and fifth year students read magazine articles from which they presented oral reports. The students also read famous literary works and performed improvised plays.

Overheads, films, and filmstrips, exposed students to the different customs of various countries. Native songs were a favorite pastime for students, as they enjoyed learning.

Students who took a foreign language learned more than just a different language; they learned a whole new lifestyle.

top right: Only German is spoken by Jim Rogers, Miki Grontkowski, Randy Kosinski, and Pam Krauser as they play Monopoly in their fourth year German class.

right: Complicated sentence structure is made easy with the help of Mr. Guin, as he tries to illustrate his point to his Spanish Class.





Putting Two and Two Together



The Math Department offered a variety of courses designed to develop the students' proficiency in the application and understanding of mathematical concepts. Courses ranged from High School Math to Calculus, and included classes in Algebra, Geometry, Analytics, and Trigonometry.

Twelve girls, representing classes in Trigonometry, Geometry, Algebra, and Calculus, participated in a mathematics contest at Saint Mary's College. The test was described as "very difficult"; but with their results, the girls proved that they could hold their own in a field formerly dominated by males.

Many students chose to take additional math courses, although the subject was required for only one year. They found this subject rounded out their education.

left: Working problems at the board is part of most math classes.

below: Denise Butchko struggles with a compass while Irying to do her Geometry assignment.



Beauty of the Imagination

The Art Department at W.H.S. offered students the chance to develop their artistic abilities and creativity. Art students were encouraged to express themselves and their individuality through their work.

Students had the opportunity to gain recognition through art shows and contests. Projects were displayed at Century Center, Robertson's, St. Mary's College and New York City. Last year in the Scholastic Art contest, W.H.S. students received thirteen Gold Key Awards and twenty-two Honorable Mentions.

Members of the Studio Class contributed their time and talent towards designing and painting a dayroom at the South Bend Convalescent Center. Their endeavors were valuable in developing school-community relations and communications.

Art courses at W.H.S. served students of varied interest; from ceramics, sculpture and crafts, to photography, printmaking, drawing and oil painting.

left: Mr. Pilarski puts finishing touches on his art work

below: Judy Wojcik works on her pottery project under the watchful eye of Mr. Meunick.







left: Derrick Tyler concentrates on sketching a still life.

bottom left: Donna Witucki captures her dream world on canvas in Studio Art class.

below: In Photography class, Mr. Weber helps Nancy Grodzicki determine what is wrong with her camera.





And the Singers Sing Their Songs

Swing and Concert Choirs, entertained the community with their melodious voices.

Concert Choir was a regular class. Any students who expressed a desire to sing was welcomed to the class.

A special member of the W.H.S. music family was the Swing Choir. Students auditioned for a place in this group. From the many who tried out, only thirty-two were chosen. Sixteen guys and sixteen gals sang as a part of their repertoire, humorous songs, sentimental songs, and popular songs.

Class Piano taught students the basics of piano playing. Chords, scales and numerous finger exercises kept the students busy in the class. At the end of the eighteen weeks, the students proudly demonstrated their accomplishments in a recital. Members of the audience found it hard to believe that the students were just beginners.

The Music Department encouraged students to find the importance of music in their lives through the history introduced by their instructors.

right: Kevin Sanders limbers up his fingers before attempting a new musical piece.

below right: Female members of the 1977-78 Swing Choir are: back row: P. Hauguel, L. Digirolamo, C. Erickson, C. Szweda, C. Goralski. middle: S. Matthys, K. Tucker, J. Laskowski, L. Lentych, J. Gleeson, S. Matthys, Front row: C. Strzelecki, R. Lipinski, S. Matthys, B. Link.

below: Male members of the 1977-78 Swing Choir are: back row: M. Phillips, M. Findley, J. Salata, J. Geehring, R. Szymanowski, R. Parker, B. Rittenhouse. front row: J. Wantuch, P. Owsianowski, M. Alerding, E. Erickson, J. Wantuch.











above: The 1977-78 Concert Choir.

left: Mrs. Butler conducts the choir through difficult notes and tempo changes.

Music — The Universal Language

Music has always played an important role in the curriculum at W.H.S.

One of the many programs was the Marching Band. The experience gained through extensive practices from late August through October was evident as the band performed at all home football games.

A new addition to the marching band was the Flag Corps. Eight girls and one alternate made up this group. They arrived at school as early as 7:00 a.m. to work out unique routines for pre-game and half-time performances. Their hard work showed every time they appeared on the field.

The Orchestra consisted of a handful of dedicated musicians. Because of the size of the group, more individual attention was given to the students. This group, along with the other musical groups, contributed their efforts to make the numerous musical productions at Washington a success.

right: The '77-'78 Orchestra, top row: Kevin Green, Cheryl Milewski, Jeanne Konkol, Karen Wiesneski, Alan Stopcyski. middle row: Kathy Laskowski, Tina Popielski, Shelley Tomlinson, Miss Germano. bottom row: Robin Dougall, Tony Haskel, Paula Weissfuss, Tammy Bleak.

below: The '77-'78 Band.











above: Ms. Germano looks pleased with the end result of many hours of practice.

left top: The 1977-78 Drum Majors and Twirlers, standing: Judi Laskowski, Allison Townsend, Doreen Thompson, Regina Taylor and Kevin Jurek. Kneeling: Michelle Wasikowski, Norma Gonzalez, and Sue Orlowski.

left: The 1977-78 Flag Corps, standing: Kim Tuttle, Joan Przybylinski, Janice Jiricek. Middle, Miki Grontkowski and Kathy Laskowski. Kneeling, Robin Klopfenstein, Mary Reszewski and Audrey Wlodarek. Not Pictured: Karrie Gard.

Man and Machines

Industrial Arts at W.H.S. offered students a wide range of courses.

Bookcases, screwdrivers, golf clubs, chessboards, and speakers could all be found in Wood or Metal Shop. Here students built projects from scratch and took pride in the results.

While some students spent their time in quest of knowledge maintaining and repairing cars in Auto Mechanics, the draftsmen designed blueprints for items, ranging from three-dimensional boxes to houses.

Trade Math was also included in the Industrial Arts Department, along with a course in electronics.

This department was very helpful in exposing the students to the world of industry and in helping to direct them in their future vocational choices.

right: Students such as Mark Sisti use jigsaws to create intricate designs for Woods I.

below: Drafting requires precise work and a great deal of concentration, as this student can testify.





Life After High School





Preparation for life following high school was stressed in the Home Economics Department. In addition to the traditional classes in cooking and sewing, students were offered in needlepoint, "singles" classes, cake decorating and party-planning classes.

Stitches and techniques in crocheting, crewel, and knitting were the highlights of the Needlepoint class.

Skills needed in preparing food, managing budgets, and planning, buying and caring for clothes were acquired by students in "Singles I and II".

Girls were not the only ones interested in Home Economics classes. Boys also tried their hand at cooking, sewing and needlepoint.

The wide variety of classes, the guidance of a well-trained staff and modern facilities all combined to give students a practical preparation for life after high school.

top left: Linda Cross, Uscilla Smith, Mrs. Flowers, Annette Kafka and Sharon Sobecki varnish bread for fall centerpieces.

left: Anthony Jones proves that sewing is not just a hobby for women.

below: Needlepoint can be quite relaxing according to Brenda Taylor.



Keeping Physically Fit

Developing strong minds and bodies was the main objective of the Physical Education Program.

Variation in specific classes made it difficult for students to choose exactly what class they wanted.

Developmental Swimming suited the aquatic-minded students. Not only did the swimmers receive school credit for their efforts; but for each level of swimming they achieved, an American Red Cross Card was awarded.

Uneven parallel bars, a trampoline, and a balance beam were but a few of the apparatus used by the gymnastics class. Because of the precision required, grace and muscle-coordination were vital.

Health class stressed the importance of hygiene. Students learned about nutrition, body-systems, and first-aid. For the student who wanted more knowledge in the field, Advanced Health was also offered.

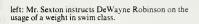
top: Freshman gym class requires such exercises as trunk bends.

right: Coach Nowicki seems amused by students attempting chin-ups.









bottom left: Basketball is a popular Phys. Ed. sport.

below: Jumping jacks develop muscle tone as well as coordination.









SPORTS

Winter, summer, spring and fall—there were sports for every season. Millions of fans crowded stadiums, gyms or in living rooms to watch their favorite athletes perform. Television stations adio stations broadcasted athletic events in every kind of weather. Washington Panther fans also came out to support their athletic teams during every season.

Since 1939, athletics have been a tradition at Washington. Football and basketball were on a pedastal; and other sports such as swimming, wrestling, tennis and cross country were climbing almost as high.

Girls' sports were being given recognition also. They took their stand in swimming, tennis, track and basketball as well as the boys. The girls had finally passed the limits of the sex barrier, coming to the conclusion that sports might one day become "unisex."

Even though the athletics had changed throughout the years, the pride of the Panthers lived on.

left: David Redding drives toward the basket in the home opener of the WHS basketball season on direct Penn.

Panther Power Plus Pep

Whether at assemblies, football games, basketball games, or other sports events, the cheerleading squad displayed school spirit and pep with acrobatic stunts and pyramid-shaped cheers.

As with every other extracurricular activity, many hours were spent working toward perfection. The cheerleaders spent a week at summer camp, coming home with superior, excellent and outstanding ribbons in addition to the "Spirit Stick."

The cheerleaders were active throughout the year, supporting many of the sports. They demonstrated their true Panther Pride in everything they did; they were elated to know that they were an important part of W.H.S.









top: Varsity cheerleaders take time out.

right: Linnie Lentych and Jane Zurat display spirit during one of the W.H.S. home games.

right center: Cheerleaders "Get Down" at the Mishawaka game.



below: Varsity Cheerleaders: C. Szweda, G. McBride, C. Love, C. Hoskins, L. Critchlow, L. Lentych.



below: B-team Cheerleaders: J. Zurat, G. Wood, C. Vanslager, M. Kowalski, S. Daugherty, J. Witucki.



below: Freshman Cheerleaders: top: V. Buszkiewicz. bottom: M. Findley, B. Stone, F. Caldwell, L. Lentych, M. Kloski.



top left: Linnie Lentych and the Panther enjoy an assembly.

left: Cheerleaders arouse spirit at a football game.

Students Take Time Out

Between homework, school-sponsored activities and work, students had little time to relax and enjoy themselves. But when the opportunity presented itself, students participated in such leisure sports as frisbee, basketball, skateboarding. skiing and hockey.

Basketball was played in yards, on driveways, and in parks. Girls, as well as boys, enjoyed participating in this popular sport.

Skateboarding, moving in from the West Coast, become an enjoyable pastime. Even though there was a certain amount of danger involved, students enjoyed it all the same.

But, alas, the snows came and dumped thirty-six inches of the white stuff on the South Bend area. Students were forced to put away their baseballs, frisbees and volleyballs.

However, students did not remain idle for long. Hockey pucks, ice skates, and skis came down from the attic. Students enjoyed the bitter cold weather which stung their noses and made their cheeks rosey-red.

All in all, W.H.S. students participated in a variety of leisure sports throughout the fall and winter.







top left: Sports like volleyball keep Kathy Laskowski busy in her leisure time.

right: Steve Lutomski goes up for two points in a friend's back yard.







above: Some W.H.S. students participate in non-school sponsored sports such as hockey.

top left: Nancy Lewinski passes the time by playing frisbee.

left: Sledding proved to be an enjoyable pastime for Mike Szymczak, Mark Findley and Bob Durski.

Sectional Trophy in '78

On August eighth training began for the 1977-78 W.H.S. football team with high hopes. This year's varsity was composed of three Freshman city championship teams. One goal was in mind for the 1978 Seniors since their Freshmen year, to win the State Title.

Undefeated until the final game, the Panthers battled against their arch-rival, the Mishawaka Cavemen. Washington had enjoyed a rich tradition as a hardhitting football club—a tradition that was envied by every school in the N.I.C. Many football teams felt that beating Washington would make their season a winning one.

Adams had high hopes of making their season successful by a victory over Washington. Pushed into overtime with the score tied at 6-6, quarterback Bryan Kirkendoll plunged for the decisive touchdown for the Green Machine.

As the season progressed, Washington and Mishawaka remained undefeated in the N.I.C. Mishawaka's goal line defense held the Panther offense sixteen inches

away from a touchdown, damaging the morale of the team in front of a capacity crowd of 9,000 fans at Tupper Field.

The Cavemen secondary also picked off three Washington passes; all key plays in the game. Losing the N.I.C. crown to Mishawaka (21-13) further instilled the determination that the Panthers must revenge their loss.

One week later the Panthers did avenge that loss in an upset 21-14 over Mishawaka, again before a standingroom-only crowd of nine thousand fans. The Cavemen star running backs were demolished defensively by Doug Szlanfucht, Dave Redding, Dennis Givens and Bryan Kirkendoll. That night was the W.H.S. '77-'78 football team's finest hour. They had won the sectional trophy!

In the Regional playoff, Portage ended Washington's dream of "State in '78" on a bitterly cold night. The Portage Indians later went on to the State AAA championship. Plagued with penalties during the entire game, the Panthers bowed out of the playoffs, suffering the

14-7 loss; and ending the season with an overall 10-2 record.

Many players were awarded distinguished honors for the hard, headknocking season. Five members of the squad made All Conference in Northern Indiana. Washington was also honored by having three men chosen for the All-State team. Dave Redding was the only player voted all state offensively and defensively at end position. Bryan Kirkendoll was voted defensive back, and Scott Durski was voted offensive guard. Doug Szlanfucht was awarded outstanding lineman of the year in N.I.C. by the coaches of the rival teams.

Every member of the team contributed a part to the stamina and endurance capable of the twenty-two starters. Out of twenty graduating seniors, twelve of them started. A lot of positions will be open and replacements will be ready to carry on in the Panther spirit. The '77 season was closed, but the underclassmen already looked toward the start of the '78 season.

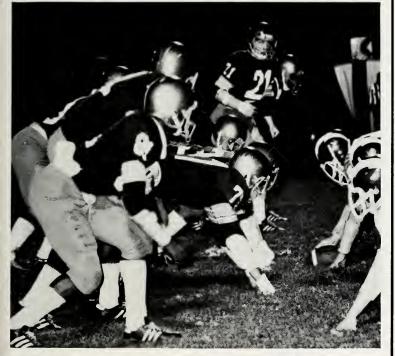


front row: L. Turner, T. Doaks, P. Chand, P. Belmarez, J. Majewski, T. Deka, D. Szlanfucht, B. Kirkendoll, S. Durski, R. Wroblewski, M. Suppinger, D. Redding, M. Lindsey, 2nd row: R. Johnson, C. Black, D. Givens, B. Doaks, T. Stone, S. Lutenski, T. Schapetk, G. Habuset, D. Redding, S. Lutomski, T. Szalewski, G. Holvoet, D. Redding, S.

Bechtel, A. Williams, G. Duddleson, D. Hill, L. Dechner, A. Williams, G. Duddleson, D. Hill, L. Boyden, 3rd row: F. Romig, D. Garner, J. Kelly, A. David, T. Turner, D. Mnichowski, A. Stopczynski, R. Chrzan, S. Littell, M. Lesiuk, P. Bykowski, R. Tyler, R. Rogers, 4th row: D. Mitchell, P. Sinka, M. Brummell, B. Skornog, M. Doaks, C. Reed, R.

Dudzinski, D. Demeter, A. Fozo, L. Eldridge, P. Green, A. Bajer, T. Jurgonski. back row: Coaches— R. Tomaszewski, G. McCullough, M. Sipotz, G. Flowers, P. Gullifor, "Beans" VanCamp.







above: Scott Durski voted NIC All Conference and All State guard.



above: Doug (Fox) Szlanfucht, voted NIC All Conference middle guard, awarded the outstanding lineman of the year in the NIC.



above: David Redding voted NIC All Conference and All State, both offensive and defensive end.

top: Tim Deka (77) and Doug Szlanfucht (78) await the opponent's next offensive play.

left center: The Panther defense is ready to pounce on their opponent.

1977 Varsity Football (10-2)

	(10 2)	
WHS	OPP	
35 19 12 13 21 14 21 21 21 9 13 22 7	Ft. Wayne Luers Ft. Wayne Dwneger Elkhart Memorial Adams (ot) Mich. City Elston Riley Penn LaSalle Elkhart Central Mishawaka *Mishawaka **Portage *Sectional **Regional	0 0 6 7 7 0 3 0 0 0 21 14

1977 B-Team Football (6-3)

WHS	OPP	
18 12 13 18 6 28 12 18	Mishawaka St. Joseph Elkhart Memorial Adams Mich. City Elston Riley Penn LaSalle Elkhart Central	20 28 0 0 12 22 0 0 12

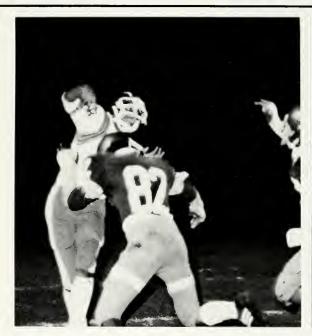
"Headknockers All Through Season"



right: Paul Belmarez (42) and Tom Szalewski (22) score an extra point against Elkhart Central.

lower right: Bryan Kirkendoll (15) scrambles to throw a pass.

lower left: Bernard Doaks (82) gets ready to sack a Blazer quarterback.







above: Bryan Kirkendoll quarterback, voted NIC All Conference quarterback and All State defensive back.



above: Pau! Belmarez halfback and kicker.



above: Dion Redding, full-



above: Parvez Chand, end.



above: Tony Doaks, tackle.



left: Bryan Kirkendoll (15) leads the "Green Machine" against the Adams Eagles.

lower left: Doug Szlanfucht (73) pursues a LaSalle quarterback.

lower right: Tim Turner (23) threatens an Elkhart Blazer for a run away touchdown.







above: Gary Holvoet, guard.



above: Jim Majewski, center.



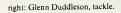
above: Mike Suppinger, guard.



above: Tim Deka, voted NIC second team offensive tackle.



above: Ray Wroblewski, tackle.

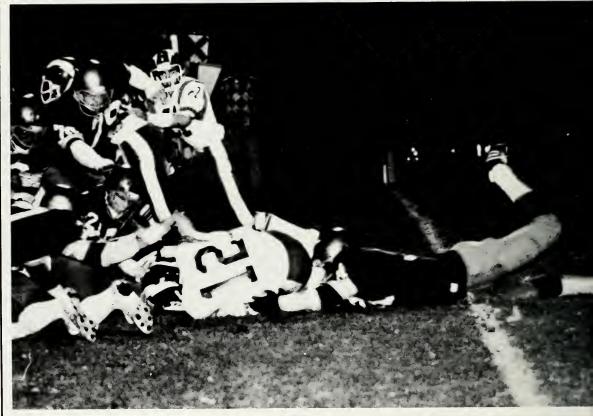


far right: Marshall Lindsey, tackle.

below: The Panther defense demonstrates their strength against the Elkhart Blazer offense.









above: Steve Lutomski, half-back.



above: Tom Szalewski, half-back,



above: Aubrey Williams, half-back.



above: Stuart Bechtel, guard.



above: Larry Turner, half-back.

Freshman 4-3

The 1977-78 freshman football squad was one of the most spirited and emotional teams that Coach Tomaszewski ever coached. By mid-season, the entire starting backfield was not playing because of injuries. Suffering a losing 1-3 record, the team

captains pulled the team together, out-scoring their opponents in the last three games turning their record to 4-3 overall. With a winning season at their backs, these players knew that they would be stepping up to a strong future varsity football team.



1977 Freshman Football (4-3) WHS OPP *Pierre Moran Clay Jackson 0 6 0 28 20 St. Joseph 24 Marian Dickinson 0 Adams 12 Brown *postponed

left: 1977-78 Frosh Captains—kneeling (l. to r.) Dan Clark, Mike Stankiewicz, Steve Sinka, standing— Coach Tomaszewski, Carl Stopczynski, Kevin Andrysiak, Calvin Hoskins, Coach Dziubinski.



above: front row—S. Kelly, E. McDaniel, M. Stankiewicz, G. Meszaros, Mgr. C. Harrier, S. Sinka, T. Zakrzewski, J. Emmons, H. Dotson, T. Martin, J. Breveard. 2nd row: G. Nesbitt, K. Andrysiak, C

Michalski, T. Harvell, D. Clark, P. Steinhofer, W. Hartstein, L. Marcotte, L. Brummett, A. Gabaree. back row: Coach Dziubinski, T. Green, A. Kelly, C. Stopczynski, M. Harvell, D. Niezgodski, G.

Szarwark, T. Bragg, C. Hoskins. Coach

Cross Country Striding Onward

This year's Cross Country team was plagued with inexperience and lack of school support. But even with these handicaps, they placed fifth in the city meet. They closed the season, however, with a disappointing 2-8 record.

The team was led by Perry
Reichanadter, who placed tenth in the
sectionals and went on to the regionals.
The team featured such outstanding
runners as: Darwin Hilliard, Milton
Sheldon, Tony Randle, Perry Patton,
Randy Armstrong, Bill Thrasher, and
Carlton Miller. The remaining team
consisted of: John Lula, Brian LeVan,
Ron Moore, Mike Lopez, Howard Tell,
Ron Chlebowski, and Craig Stevens. With
most of the runners returning next year
and anticipating school support, the 1978
team should be a winner.

	1977 Cross Country (2-8)	
	1977 Closs Country (2-8)	
	WHS	OPP
43 35 38 43 28 39 21 29	Mishawaka M.C. Elston Riley Penn Adams Elk. Memorial St. Joe Clay	17 20 21 18 27 22 35 26
43 27	Elk. Central LaSalle	17 33

top: Cross Country team: back: M. Harper, C. Miller, C. Stevens, M. Lopez, J. Lula, T. Randle, P. Reichanadter, Coach Stallworth, front: R. Armstrong, M. Shelton, P. Patton, H. Tell, B. Thrasher, K. Chlebowski.

center left: Perry Reichanadter displays his winning stride.

center right: Pride and determination keep Darwin Hilliard moving of to the finish.

bottom: Team memb ϵ prepare themselves before the race.

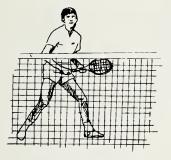














Tennis Anyone?

This year's Varsity Tennis team had its second best year in W.H.S. past history, finishing 3-13 on the regular season.

Led by seniors Matt Symczak, Mike Yates, Larry Krempec and Tom Synkiewicz, the team racked up victories against Mishawaka and North Liberty.

What seemed to be a "losing" season on paper was everything but "losing" to the team. All the players went into every match with spirit, drive and, most of all, the incentive to win.

	1977 Varsity Tennis (3-13)	
WHS	OPP	
2 0 5 2 5 0 1 0 0 2 1 0 0 3 0 0	Marian C.M.A. North Liberty LaSalle North Liberty Marian St. Joe Elk. Memorial Central Penn Elston Adams Clay Mishawaka Riley Penn	3 5 0 3 0 5 4 4 5 5 5 3 4 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5

top: Tennis team: (l. to r.): C. Anderson, S. Twaroski, D. Kolacz, M. Szymczak, K. Hoff, L. Krempec, K. Kowalski, S. Romanski, M. Yates. Coach Killeen.

left: Kiwanis award winner Mike Yates displays his "smashing" form.

Experience the Main Factor

Seven returning lettermen sparked Coach Shively's Volleyball team to a 6-5 season. Unlike the previous years when inexperience was a factor, the '77-78 Volleyball team used their experience to defect several area teams, while losing to several others in close matches. Becky Rothballer, in her fourth year of playing

volleyball, was the varsity Captain.

The B-Team duplicated the varsity record of six wins and five losses. They played well against St. Joe, Marian, and Penn.

A first at Washington this year was a Freshman Volleyball team. Coached by Miss Marsha Cenkush, they played all home games at Lafayette, and ended the season with a 3-3 record.

below: Becky Rothballer returns a volley.

bottom right: Denise Goralski sets the ball up for a teammate.

1977 Varsity Volleyball (6-4)

WHS OPP St. Joe 15-13, 15-11 15-5, 15-4 Riley Elk, Central 15-7, 15-9 16-4, 14-12 15-8 15-9, 15-9 Adams Clay LaSalle Elk. Memorial 15-10, 14-11 Marian 15-7, 15-3 15-4, 15-10 15-3, 15-10 Mishawaka Mich. City 15-1, 15-12

Penn







above; Varsity Volleyball team: back: D. Taylor, R. Lipinski, R. Taylor. middle: B. Rothballer, M. Stachowiak, J. Wroblewski. front: K. Lutomski, D. Goralski, C. Chwalek, Coach Shively.

1977 B-Team Volleyball (6-5)

OPP

WHS

15-10	St. Joe	9-15, 15-11
15-3, 15-6	Riley	
15-7, 15-4	Elk. Central	
	Adams	15-5, 15-4
15-9, 15-12	Clay	
15-9, 15-1	LaSalle	
15-8, 15-8	Elk. Memorial	
15-17	Marian	15-9, 15-10
	Mishawaka	15-12, 15-2
16-4, 15-11	Mich. City Elst	
9-15	Penn	15-13, 15-12

1977 Freshman Volleyball (3-3)

WHS	OPP	
16-14, 15-8 15-9, 15-7 15-10, 15-11 15-9 15-9	Dickinson Brown Jackson Clay Adams Marian	11-9 10-15, 14-11 15-10, 15-0 15-12, 15-7

bottom left: Debbie Taylor and Becky Rothballer slap the ball over the net.

below: Mary Stachowiak leaps high for a spike.







above: B-team Volleyball: back: Coach Shively, C. Vanslager, J. Taylor, D. Bekarszyk, middle: C. Rothballer, M. Borowski, J. Szlanfucht, front: M. LeeVan, L. Zielinski.



above: Freshman Volleyball team: front: S. Heynssens, M. McKay, N. Kopczynski, K. Cira, K. Reiter, back L. Bajer, J. Wells, M. Rafalski, S. Godacz, E. Bantista.

Striving for Improvement

Preparation for the 1977-78 Girls' Swim Team season began on August 15. An hour and a half of running, jumping, and stretching, preceded two and a half hours of swimming, kicking, and pulling.

The 2-11 record did not reflect the teams' dedication. A major reason for the losing season was that the team consisted of only eight girls. The 'Great Eight' were led by captains Karin Gustafson, Ann Litka, and Katy Lynch. Olmpia Chavez, Annie Ross, Lori Wiesneski, Mary Ross, and Peggy Lynch made up the remainder of the team.

Because of their numbers, the girls realized their chances for a winning season were slight, so they concentrated their efforts on individual improvement. Annie Ross, the teams' diver, qualified for the State Meet which was held in Muncie. She placed twentieth out of forty-five girls.

Coach Clary's encouragement, determination, and enthusiasm kept the girls going through a difficult and frustrating season.

*77-78 Girls Swim Team (2-11)

WHS	OPP	
97 68 68 71 58 51 44 60 82 25 61	New Prairie LaSalle Marion Goshen Adams Riley Clay Elkhart Central Mishawaka Penn Elkhart Memorial Culver	74 105 82 93 119 109 123 109 70 56 103

top left: Katy Lynch shows "How it's Done" in the 200 lM event.

middle left: Olympia "Chicky" Chavez shows her form in the 100 yard Butterfly.

right: Katy Lynch takes the lead in her leg of the 400 yard Freestyle relay.

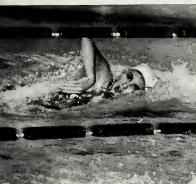














below: Girls' Swim Team: (l. to r.) back: A. Litka, K. Lynch, Coach Clary, K. Gustafson, P. Lynch, M

Ross, front: T. Bleak, A. Ross, T. Kooris, O. Chasez, L. Wisneski, M. Grontkowski





above: Senior Girls' Swim Team Members: (l. to r.) A. Litka, O. Chavez, A. Ross back: K. Lynch, Coach Clary, K. Gustafson. front:

top right: Karin Gustafson pulls hard in the 100 yard backstroke event.

middle right: Pride and determination keep Ann Litka going during the 50 yard freestyle event.

left: Annie Ross demonstrates one of the dives which qualifies her for the state meet at Muncie.

Talent Lies in Individuals

1977-78 Boys Swimming (0-12)

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WHS	OPP	
41 55 64 52 53 45 361/2 58 61 801/2	Clay Elk. Central Valparaiso Penn Elk. Memorial Adams Riley Mishawaka Rochester LaSalle	128 116 104 112 118 117 127½ 111 110 86½
53 58	Mich. City Elston Marian	116 106

Inexperience was a factor for the swimming squad under the direction of David Sexton. Swimming with sweatshirts, bluejeans and tennis shoes, lifting weights and doing calisthenics were all part of the daily routine.

The team's diver, Steve Kimbrough, also the captain, came in fourth in the Northern Indiana Conference meet and fourth in the Sectional. Eric Budny was the team's high point man, while Jeff Salata was the main breast stroker. David Salata was an all-around swimmer; Jaime Dant, a Freshman, looked very promising to Coach Sexton, as he was also one of the

top men on the team; John Mejer was a breast stroker and freestyler and also one of the team's divers. Bob Kruszewski, the backstroker, along with many others, proved to be a vital part of the team.

lower left: High point scorers are Eric Budny, John Mejer. Steve Kimbrough, Bob Kruszewski, Jaime Dant.

lower middle: Eric Budny comes up for air during the first lap of the Individual Medley.

bottom left: Determination to win is shown by Bobby Kruszewski in the 100 yard backstroke event.

bottom right: David Salata's coordination is put to the test during the 100 yard butterfly.











left: 1977-78 Boys Swim Team: (l. to r.) back V. Geisler, J. Jiricek, R. Dougall, J. Salata, E. Budny, T. Mnichowski, Coach Sexton, middle: J. Thomas, B. Thrasher, G. Turezynski, R. Liwosz, front: J. Mejer, D. Salata, S. Kimbrough, J. Dant, B. Kruszewski.

bottom left: The 100 yard breast stroke proves to be a test of strength and speed as John Mejer finds out.

bottom right: Although in his first year of diving. Steve Kimbrough demonstrates one of the dives which helped him to win many first place awards.

below: Jaime Dant concentrates on perfecting his freestyle form.









Matmen Rebuild

Individual Sectional victories by Ernest Jennings, in the 105 lbs. class. Duane Mitchell, in the 167 lbs. class, and Perry Patton, in the 185 lbs. class, and second place finishes by Melvin Shelton, Randy Armstrong, Darryl Anderson, Perry Patton, and Marshall Lindsey, highlighted the 1977-78 wrestling season under head coach Evans.

Initially. Coach Evans had expected a winning season, possibly a repeat of the previous years' Sectional title. The season, however, ended with a third place finish in the Sectional and an overall record of 4-6 which was indicative of the tough competition the team faced throughout the season.

Seniors Robert Tell, Melvin Shelton, and Marshall Lindsey, contributed needed leadership to the young squad. Outstanding wrestlers included: Ernest Jennings, Randy Armstrong, Perry Patton, Duane Mitchell and Dennis Givens.

Wrestling was synonymous with "Blood, Sweat and Tears," and the W.H.S. team upheld the standard with long and difficult practices which later paid off.

top left: Regional finisher Ernest Jennings wrestles in his 105 pound weight class during the regular season.

top right: Sophomore Rehnard Williams attempts to pin his Mishawaka opponent.

middle left: Sectional first place went to Dwayne Mitchell seen here wrestling in his 167 pound weight class during the season.

right: Heavyweight wrestler Marshall Lindsey attempts to throw his opponent to the mat.













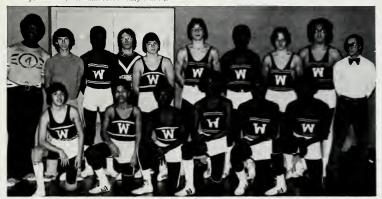






above: Varsity Wrestling Team (l. to r.) top row: L. Gooden, B. Dotson, H. Tell, M. Fletcher, G. Mezaros, D. Mitchell, R. Tell, D. Givens, M. Lindsey, M. Leda, Assistant Horowitz, front: M.

Harper, P. Patton, R. Williams, D. Anderson, R. Armstrong, E. Jennings, M. Shelton, *Inot pictured*, Coach Evans.



above: B-Team Wrestling Team (l. to r.) top row: K. Boykins, M. Leda, W. Tell, B. Skornog, G. Mezaros, J. Emmons, D. Garner, A. Stopczynski, S. Kelly,

Coach Horowitz, front row: O. Sandoval, G. Nessbitt, S. Swanson, M. Harper, D. Clark, B. Dotson.

'77-78 Varsity Wrestling (4-6)

WHS	OPP	
29	Clay	35
19	Penn	40
21	Elk. Memorial	31
26	MC Elston	27
24 39	Adams	26
39	Riley	27
11	Mishawaka	40
39	Lasalle	31
47	Elk. Central	14
41	Marian	20

'77-78 B-Team Wrestling (5-5)

WHS	OPP	
31	Clay	24 27 39
29	Penn	27
15	Elk. Memorial	39
38	MC Elston	21
19	Adams	39
18	Rilev	34
18	Mishawaka	39
18	Lasalle	21 39 34 39 39
60	Elk. Central	9
42	Marian	- 11

middle right: Junior Perry Patton wrestles in the 132 pound weight class that earned him a second place finish in the Sectional.

left: Dennis Givens wrestles a Mishawaka opponent in the 185 pound weight class on his way to an eventual first place Sectional finish.









top left: Regular starter Rene Taylor scores two points in an opening win over NIC foe Penn.

top middle: High scorer Eric Williams displays some of his offensive skills while David Kowalski awaits his next move.

lower middle: Ron Johnson puts the ball up high over the outstretched arms of a Benton Harbor defender to add to a one point Panther lead.

Talented Cagers

Coach Subby Nowicki, in his twentieth season as head coach, and assistant coach David Weber, opened the season with hopes of another banner year following a 20-2 1976-77 basketball season. The team relied on quickness rather than height to beat opponents; and in so doing, dispelled the old belief that one has to be tall to play winning basketball.

Eric Williams led the team in scoring while David Redding, Ron Johnson, Rene Taylor, and David Kowalski rounded off the usual starting five. Seniors Mike Szymcak and Bryan Kirkendoll gave the team needed experience off the bench; and with David Redding being the only









Create Excitement

other Senior on the team, the coaches looked forward to exciting years ahead. But the 1977-78 season was not lacking of excitement.

One of the most exciting games of the year was the annual battle against NIC foe Elkhart Central. The Blue-Blazers entered the contest in a tie for first place in the conference, but the Panthers paced by a game high twenty-seven points from Eric Williams, defeated the Blazers 66-63 in an emotion packed game.

Great teamwork, quickness, and patience would be needed if the team planned to win the Sectional crown.

middle: Tim Turner adds his two points in an opening season victory over Penn.

top left: Dennis White fights for a rebound as Eric Williams watches from the free throw lane in a big win against Benton Harbor.

top right: Number 44 Eric Williams shoots over a Riley defender in an important NIC game which Washington lost by five points.

bottom: David Kowalski tips the ball to a Panther teammate in an eventual victory over rival Clay.

Panthers Rebound to Victories

/		1977-78 Varsity Basketball (14-6)	
	WHS	OPP	
	70	P.	5/
	73	Penn	56
	76	Hammond Clark	59
	66	St. Joe (OT)	62
	63	Laporte (OT)	65
	68	Riley	73
	94	Griffith	53
	84	*Clay	71
	65	*Adams	71
	66	Elk. Central	63
	82	Mishawaka	57
	90	Clay	68
	61	Lasalle	78
	85	Adams	104
	85	Elk. Memorial	63
	73	Mich. City Elston	61
	83	Benton Harbor	78
	70	Ft, Wayne Luers	64
	87	Gary Andrean	71
	83	**St. Joe	58
	69	**Lasalle	76
		*Holiday Tournament	
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WHS	OPP	
49	Penn	43
68	Hammond Clark	44
45	St. Joe	46
41	LaPorte	45
45	Riley	42
68	Griffith	40
69	Elk. Central	48
50	Mishawaka	43
63	Clay	58
48	Lasalle	62
66	Adams	65
50	Elkhart Memorial	69
52	Mich. City Elston	49
64	Benton Harbor	57
57	Ft. Wayne Luers	48
54	Gary Andrean	68

top left: Dave Redding attempts a basket.

right: Dave Kowalski goes in for a layup.













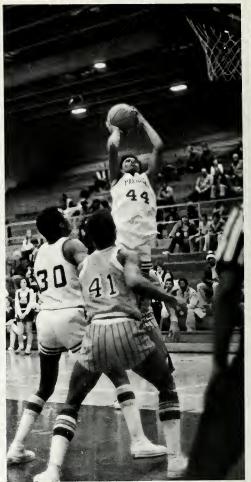
above: Varsity Basketball Team: (l. to r.) back: Coach Nowicki, Bill Crittendon, Eric Williams, Ron Johnson, Dave Kowalski, Dave Redding, Denise

White, Rene Taylor, Asst. Coach Weber, front: Steve Goralczyk, Tim Turr, Bryan Kirkendoll, Mike Szymczak, Darwyn Hilliard.

top right: Four year player, Mike Szymczak brings the ball down court against Benton Harbor.

left: Eric Williams uses perfect form to score.













below: Freshman Basketball Team: (l. to r.) back: Cedric Harris, Gary Goralski, Butch Kelly, Tracy Martin, Corby Robins, Marcus Harvell, Robert

Lewis, Kevin Chandler, Tim Green, Dave Marin Coach McCullough. front: Eric Parker Dave Wieczorek, Calvin Hoskins,



Spirit Spiced with Effort

The Freshman Basketball Team had a successful season under the direction of Coach McCullough. They practiced hard to improve important skills, and "teamwork" was their motto. They worked together to win against many tough opponents. High point were Marcus Harvell and Calvin Hoskins maintained the Panther tradition of winning with the help of other team members.

Coach McCullough felt that this year's team was one of the best contributions of natural ability and drive in several years at W.H.S. As Seniors, they could be Panther sectional champs.

top left: Ron Johnson uses his ability to make a basket.

middle left: Eric Williams goes up for two points.

left: Dave Kowalski shoots over his opponents to

1977-78 Freshman Basketball (5-6)

1777 TO TTO SHINGH DASKETOWN (5-0)					
WHS	OPP				
53 33 39 37 56 42 45 53 35 32 35	Young St. Joe Beiger Brown Grissom Schmucker Jackson Clay Adams Dickinson	45 53 41 58 42 29 39 44 53 47			

top right: Sophomore Dave Kowalski tries for two points.

far left: Darwyn Hilliard outruns his opponent to put the Panthers in the lead.









The Feminine Touch

In only their second year of competition, the girls basketball team won the first game of the sectional only to lose to eventual regional champion, Riley. The hard-fought finish was in keeping with the total team effort displayed throughout the year by the entire squad under the coaching of Eugene Dziubinski and assistant Denise Sharp.

Six victories; seven defeats was the final team record but it was deceiving. Four of the seven losses were by a combined total of ten points, as the girls proved they could play with any team in the city.

To earn this competitive level, two hour

practices were held four days a week and during holiday breaks.

Denise Goralski and Debbie Taylor were voted team captains; Pat Kyle was voted most valuable player; and the freethrow award went to Brenda Brooks with a 56% average.

top left: Cynthia Vanslager jumps high in order to score for the Panthers.

top middle left: After winning, the team congratulates St. Joe on an excellent game.

above: Coach Dziubinski gives pointers before the beginning of the game.

	1977-78 Girls Basketball (6-7)	
WHS	OPP	
31 42 46 56 39 42 33 47 52 44 49 50 34	Elk, Central St. Joe Adams No. Liberty Penn LaSalle Elk. Memorial Clay Riley Mishawaka Mich. City *St. Joe *Riley	71 38 37 22 41 44 39 44 50 45 45 44 43 46
	*Sectional	









above: Brenda Brooks scrambles for the ball in the final seconds of the game.

top middle right: Brenda Brooks scores two points for the Panthers.

bottom left: Denise Goralski gets her hand on the ball by outjumping her opponent.

left: Girls Basketball Team: (l. to r.) back: Coach Dziubinski, D. Taylor, D. Dulcet, C. Ginter, P. Kyle, M. Mosby, D. Goralski, B. Szynski, A. Dodd, A. Townsend, K. Gustafson, L. Schroer, B. Brooks, K. Orlicki, front: M. Lewinski, K. Lynch, C. Love, L. Buress, A. Mosby, C. Hoskins, C. Vanslager, K. Lutomski.

Girls Reveal Hidden Talent

One of the biggest wins of the season was a regular season victory over Riley by the score of 52 to 50. The first half was played pretty evenly, but in the third quarter the Panthers pulled away led by Brenda Brooks who had a game high of twenty-nine points. A fourth quarter rally by Riley fell short, and the team had an inspirational victory.

Seniors Denise Goralski, Patricia Kyle, Lisa Schroer, Debbie Taylor, and Karin Gustafson helped guide the team with their years of experience. Managers Mary Lewinski and Kathie Lutomski helped Coach Ski overcome the obvious problems of coaching an all-female squad, while Karen Orlicki was official scorekeeper for the team.







top left: Lisa Schroer gets ready for the rebound.

right: Debbie Taylor goes up for the tip against the LaSalle Lions.





below: Scorekeeper Joan Orlicki, managers Mary Lewinski and Kathie Lutomski, and coach Eugene Dziubinski directed the Girls Basketball Team.





above: Senior team members: (l. to r.) Debbie Taylor, Karen Gustafson, Patty Kyle. Denise Goralski, Bridget Szynski, Allison Townsent, Lisa Schroer, and (front) Katy Lynch.

top right: L. Buress attempts the extra point as the B-Team gets a chance to play the Riley B-Team.

left: Patty Kyle shoots for an extra point against St. Joe.





ALBUM

In the late 1960's and early 1970's, WHS students had an image as the trouble-makers of the west side. The students, however, dropped this image through their community involvement and many varied activities. They worked hard to be able to say, "We've changed all that."

The Seniors acted first to rid themselves of this image. Through a blood drive, an attempt to visit many nursing homes and hospitals, and by volunteering at the newly-opened Century Center, the Seniors became known as the mighty Panthers of '78.

Juniors had also ridden themselves of this negative image through their many activities in school and in the community. They looked forward to their Senior year.

Sophomores followed the Juniors in their effort to disprove the image. The class of '80 added to the Panther tradition by getting involved.

Freshmen were finally getting used to high school and most seemed to like it. They found what being a 'Panther' was all about, and there were few doubts that they would carry the tradition onward.

The entire student body had finally changed its interests to better become a part of the entire Washington High School community. The Westside Panthers had "changed all that."

left: With 325 Seniors, 350 Juniors, 405 Sophomores and 366 Freshmen, Washington High School has a rather large photo album.

Teachers & Staff.

Aronson, Spencer—P.V.E.
Baer, Judy—Home Economics
Banaszak, Ronald—Business
Benassi, Cynthia—Learning Lab
Berta, Patricia—Business
Bueno, Michael—Chicano Community
Liaison

Butler, Candace—Music Companello, Guy—Business Clampitt, Hallie—Librarian Clary, Kristi—Physical Ed. Claus, Frank—Social Studies Cohen, James—Assistant Principal

Conrad, Lloyd—Math Coomes, Rosemary—Business Czarnecki, Pat—Secretary Dawson, Anne Marie—Band Dimich, June—Business Drapek, Louise—English



Dziubinski, Eugene—Social Studies & Math Espinoza, Virginia—English Evans, Carl—Health Flowers, Eugene—Security Guard Flowers, Patricia—Home Economics Fodor, Marilyn—English

Foley, Thomas—English Fuchs, Frieda—P.V.E. Garcia, Fedora—Reading Lab & Spanish Germano, Emily—Orchestra Goldberg, Dora—French Good, Joseph—English

Greenwood, Hazel—Guidance Counselor Guin, Richard—Spanish Gullifor, Patrick—Science Hairston, Earl—Human Relations Hall, Margaret—Security Guard Harding, Lyle—Business

Harsh, Wayne—Social Studies Hintz, Mary—English Hock, John—Math Hofer, Charles—Industrial Arts Hoffman, Norma—English Horowitz, Arnold—Science



Teachers & Staff.



Hunsberger. Louise—Librarian Jacks, Kenneth—Industrial Arts Jones, Francis—Industrial Arts Joseph, Barbara—Paraprofessional Kapsa, Leonard—Science Killeen, John—Social Studies

Killeen, Tricia—Learning Lab Kindt, David—Industrial Arts Klaybor, Jerry—Science Kolvas, Margie—School Treasurer Kraft, Richard—Science Lackey, Jerry—Band

Leatherman, Dennis-Business Leatherman, Bernins—Business Linetty, Edward—Social Studies McCullough, George—Social Studies Maxwell, Allen—English Meuninck, Tom—Fine Arts Million, Robert—Principal



Nowicki, Sebastian—Physical Ed. Parker, Gwendolyn—Nurse Peregrine, Phillip—Assistant Principal Pikuza, Casimer—Latin Pilarski, Marion—Fine Arts Putnam, Michael-Math

Raben, Rita-Guidance Counselor Rarick, Lowell—Guidance Counselor Redling, Joseph—Health & Science Rehak, Rosemary—Guidance Counselor Sell, Patricia—English Sexton, David-Social Studies & Physical

Shively, Twila—Physical Ed.
Sipotz, Michael—Math
Sipotz, Susan—Physical Ed. & Health
Solmos, John—Physical Ed. & Science
Stavros, James—Social Studies
Stallworth, Charles—Social Studies

Stout, Constance-Secretary Stump, June—Secretary Swafford, Dale—Fine Arts Swintz, Robert—Business Tice, Mary—Paraprofessional Tomaszewski, Rick—Business & Health

AND MORE TEACHERS AND

STAFF

Tracey, Robert—Math
Tulchinsky, Ruth—German and English
Tulchinsky, Terry—Social Studies
Turner, Anna Mae—Security Guard
Ullrich, Mark—Math and Science
Van Camp, Robert—Physical Ed.

Voll, Georgina—English Warner, Peggy—Home Economics Watson, Don—English Weber, David—Fine Arts Wintersheid, Beverly—Reading Lab Witszak, Bernadine—Math Aid

Zolman, Walter-Industrial Arts



Richard L. Zook 1925 - 1977

He was born to wonder about numbers.

He balanced fives against tens and made them sleep together and love each other.

He took sixes and sevens and set them wrangling and fighting over raw bones.

He woke up twos and fours out of baby sleep and touched them back to sleep.

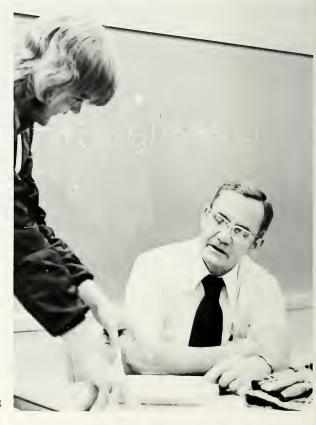
He managed eights and nines, gave them prophets beards, marched them into mists and mountains.

He added all the numbers he knew, multiplied them by new-found numbers and called it a prayer of Numbers.

He knew love numbers, luck numbers, how the sea and the stars are made and held by numbers.

He died from the wonder of numbering He said good-bye as if good-bye is a number.

by Carl Sandburg





left: Title I Remedial Reading Tutors are from (l. to r.): Anita Harris and Lan Cox. Not pictured: Beverly Lynch.

below: The 1977-78 Cafeteria staff. Standing: J. Behling, A. Barnett, M. Parliski, R. Medich, D. Bottorff, C. Williams, S. Brooks, B. Wincek, L. Peterson, M. Kocsis, Sitting: J. Milliken, I. Chwalek, D. Ward, M. Nagy, H. Przybylinski, B. Stickley, J. Wonisch, B. Cenova, A. Szymczak, A. Breit.



LAUNDRY IS THEIR BUSINESS



right: The school's laundresses are from (l. to r.): Jannie Taylor, Anna Mae Reed and Loretta Ebel.

below: The day custodians are from 1 to r: Edmund Gapinski, Lillie Grady and Richard Devereau. Not pictured: Victor Pine and Norbert Ziolkowski.

DAY CUSTODIANS





left: Sweeping the school's entrance is one of Richard Devereau's daily tasks.

below: The night custodians from I to r are: Clem Holewczynski, Doug Scruggs, Robert Barringer, and Hollis Hughes. Not pictured: Tom Lue.



The Class of

June of 1978 seemed a long way off when the Seniors first came to W.H.S. as wandering Freshmen. But time passed quickly as we enjoyed class parties, danced to the theme of "Carousel" at the prom, stood during the assemblies, and felt the excitement of the 1977 football and basketball seasons. Although we cherished the memories, it was now time to move forward as we faced graduation and the beginning of a new way of life.



Mitzy Adams . . . Carol Agnew . . . Pamela Agnew . . . Katrina Anderson . . .

Patricia Anderson . . .

Dan Armstrong . . . Kit Ashford . . . Sam Austin . . .

Amy Bajer . . . Language Club 2,3,4; Booster Club 4; Prom Comm. 3,4; Spirit Angel Emma Baker . . . D.E. 4 Tim Balon . . . Track 1,2; Football 1; Cross Country 2; Basketball 1

John Banicki . . . B-Team Golf 2; Language Club 2; National Honor Society 3,4



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Parthina Barnes . . . Language Club 1,2,3,4; O.E.A. 4; C.O.E. 4; Prom Comm. 3,4; C.G.C. 3,4 Randy Bazyk... Stuart Bechtel ... Football 1,2,3,4: Track 1,2,3,4: Wrestling 2

Mary Beck. Mary Beck National Honor Society 3.4, (President 4); Drama Club 1,2.3,4, (Make-up Comm. Chairman 3.4); Booster Club 1,2.3; Human Relations Board 2

Christine Bella . . . Paul A. Belmarez . . . Football 1.2,3,4: Track 1.2,3,4: Wrestling 4: Advisory Board 4

Ken Bentkowski . . . Don Bjorkland . . .
Dee Anne Blasko . . . D.E. 4, (Vice President 4); Teacher's Aide 2.3; Drama Club 1; Prom Decorations 3,4 Daniel Bonczynski . . .

Bruce Bowman . . .

William Brenner . . . Linda Briggs . . . Julie Brown . . . Cecil Brummet . . .

Keep on Keeping on

Jeff Buda . . . Deborah Burger . . . Vanessa Burkhart . . . Rosa Cano . . .

Armando Canul Jr. . . . Baseball 1,2,3,4
Mike Carver . . . Baseball 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2,3
Sue Casey . . . Language Club 1,2,3,4; Drama Club 4;
Booster Club 1,2; D.M.S. 1,2,3,4; Prom Comm. 3,4;
Class Party Comm. 1,2,4; Teacher's Aide 3,4; Spirit
Angel 1; Yearbook 3,4, (Advertising Manager 4);
Senior Skit 4; Bye Bye Birdie
Mark Cencelewski . . .

Parvez Chand . . . Track 1,2; Football 1,2,3,4; National Honor Society 3,4 Olympia Chavez . . . Tom Cherrone . . .

Donna Chwalek . . . Student Council 1; Language Club 1,2,3; National Honor Society 3,4; Yearbook 4; D.M.S. 1,2,3,4; Class Party Comm. 2,3; Spirit Angel 1



Patty Kyle

Senior Patty Kyle showed her pride in the Panthers by being the Panther mascot. She supported the basketball and football teams by "scaring" the opponents with her fierce growl.

Patty was also an outstanding athlete at W.H.S. She participated in softball four years and girls' basketball three years. Her most memorable experience was when the girls' softball team won the city championship in 1977.

The Yearbook and Hatchet were on the list of Patty's extracurricular activities, as she supported W.H.S. in various ways. After graduation Patty planned to go to school or into the Armed Forces.



Plan for the Future



Sue Cieplinski . . . Linda Collier . . . Patricia Cooper . . D.E.C.A. 4, (Treasurer 4) Raymond Cwik . . . Ski Club 4; Stage Crew-Oklahoma, Bye Bye Bırdie

Kevin Czarnecki. . . Ski Club 3; Track 1,2,3; Student Council 1,2,3; Prom Comm. 3; Prom Court 3; Swing Choir 1,2 Danny Davis . . . Tim Deka . . . Football 1,2,3,4

Lisa Digirolamo . . . Pantherettes 2.3.4, (Sunshine Girl 3, Captain 4); Concert Choir 2.3.4; Swing Choir 3.4; D.M.S. 1,2.3.4, (Historian 3, Vice President 4) Anthony Doaks . . . Ronald Dokes.

Rick Dombrowski . . .

Robert Dombrowski. . . . Glenn Duddleson . . . Football 1.2.3.4: Baseball 1.2: Choir 3.4: Social Chairman 4: Ski Club 3.4: Hatchet 3.4: Prom Comm. 3.4: Concert Band 1.2.3.4: Jazz Band 2.3.4: Orchestra 2.3.4: Oklahoma, Bye Bye

Debbie Dulcet . . . Jose Duron . . .

Scott Durski . . . Football 1.2,3.4 Gloria Eddins . . . D.E. 3.4. (Historian 3): Usher Club 1.2.3.4

Ricky Erby . . . Carol Erickson . . .

Only the Beginning

Ron Eskridge . . . Marijo Marie Farkas . . . Junior Achievement 2,3; Achievers Association (Vice President 3); Band 1,2,3; Drum Major 2,3; Spirits of '76 Carl Fitz . . . Vickie Fleming . . . Prom Court 3, (Queen)

Mark Fokey. . . .
Pam Fozo . . . Class Secretary 2; Human Relations 1; Drama Club 1,2,3; Yearbook 3,4; National Honor Society 3,4; Class Party Comm. 2; Indiana University High School Journalism Institution 4

Denise Franklin . . . Ronna Gabaree . . . Softball 2

Arnold Gadson...
Ron Gapinski...
Wanda Giden...Student Council 3, (Secretary);
C.O.E.4, (Parliamentarian)
Rose Gilleand...



Anne Rajski

Anne Rajski may have looked like the typical, studious Washington student, but actually she liked to "horse-around."

Anne owned two horses, Winky and Slick, and had won several awards with them in 4-H and "open" shows. Harness-driving was her favorite contest, but she had won more awards in western pleasure and horsemanship.

In her spare time, Anne gave lessons and hoped to breed horses after graduation from college.



Hope for Tomorrow



Denise Givens . . . Play Bill Memories; Costume Comm. 2; Choir 2; Black Advisory Board 4; Booster Club 1,2; Class Party Comm. 1; Peer Influence 2; Language Club 3; Black History 4
Michael Golubski . . . Vocational Auto Shop, 1.C.T. Cheryl Goralski . . . Tennis 1,2; Swing Choir 4; Play Bill Memories; Student Council 4, (Secretary); Language Club 1,2,3,4; (Secretary 3,4); N.S. F.G. 3; Drama Club 1,2,3,4; Meet Me In Saint Louis, Bye Rve Rieff

Basketball 3,4; Language Club 2,3; D.M.S. 2,3,4; Football Homecoming Court 4

Brian Granat... Choir I Nancy Grodzicki ... Track 2.4; Student Council 4, (Treasurer; Language Club 2.3,4; Drama Club 1.2; Hatchet Staff 4; Orchestra 1.2.3; Once Upon a Mat-tress, Oklahoma; Arena Scheduling 4

tress, Oklahoma; Arena Scheduling 4
Michaeleen Grontkowski . . . Swim Team Manager
2.3.4; National Honor Society 3.4, (Secretary 4);
N.F.S.G. 1,2.3.4; Language Club 1,2.3.4, (Advisory
Board 2,3); Yearbook 2,3.4, (Academics Editor 4);
Marching Band Flag Carrier 2,3.4; Delegate to Hoosier Girls State 4

Debbie Grubs . . .

Karin Gustafson . . . Swimming 1,2,3,4. (Captain 3,4); Softball 2,3,4; Class Treasurer 1.2. Vice President 3,4; National Honor Society 3,4; Prom Comm. 3,4; Class Party Comm. 1,2,3,4; Prom Court 3; Football Home-

Party Comm. 1,2,34; From Court 3; Footoali Home-coming Court 4. (Queen) Barbara Haggenjos . . . Swim Team 1.2; Hockey 3,4; Student Council 3, (Secretary); Class Party Comm. 2: Prom Comm. 4: Drama Club 1,2 Michael Hardman . . .

Lorale Harker . . .

Brenda Harris . . . D.E.C.A. 3,4 Nina Harvey . . . Debate 1; C.O.E. 1; Peer Influence 1; Junior Achievement 3; Student Council 1; Language Club 1

Club 1 Jim Hauguel . . . Swim Team 1.2; N.F.S.G. 1.2.3; Lan-guage Club 1,2.3; C.O.E. 4 Patricia Hauguel . . . Concert Choir 2.3.4; Girls Choir 1; Swing Choir 4; Language Club 3; M.G.C. 3.4; Rag-time Showtime, Once Upon A Mattress, Playbill Memories, Oklahoma, Bye Bye Birdie, Carnival, Finsterwald & Company

Brian Heckman . . . Verlinda Hendrix . . . Dennis Henry . . . Linda Henry . . . Language Club 2,3: Usher Club 2; Booster Club 3,4

Visions of Our Lives

Henry Heritz... Debbie Herman... Hatchel 3; O.E.A. 4; C.O.E. 4; D.M.S. 2,3,4; Prom Comm. 3,4 Gary Holvoet. Jannicke Hope . .

Marie Horton . . . Becky Horvath . . . Patricia Howell . . . Swimming 1,2,3

Scott Hoyt . . .

Kim Hubler . . . Language Club 1,2; Booster Club 3,4; Ushers Club 3,4; Hatchet 3,4 (Social Chairman) Ernest Hummel . . . avid L. Hyduk . . . Baseball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2; Prom Escort 3; Football Homecoming Escort 4 David L. Hyduk

Donna Jastrzebski . . . Language Club 3; Student Council 1,3,4; Spirit Angel I



Gary Holvoet

Scuba diving, hunting, and judo were a few of the hobbies Gary Holvoet enjoyed. Gary became interested in scuba diving through a friend of his father's. Then Gary took lessons at the YMCA.

Gary dives in such locations as Diamond Lake, Lake Michigan, and the St. Lawrence Seaway in Canada, where his tank became hooked on a latch. "I couldn't get free. My friend had to unhook me."

Pheasant hunting was another of Gary's hobbies. Because he hunted before school, Gary sometimes arrived dressed in his hunting clothes with ruffled hair.

Judo was a relatively new hobby of Gary's. "Mr. Kraft asked me to watch it. I did and decided to take lessons."



Leaders of Tomorrow



Cynthia Johnson . . .
Angela Jones . . . C.O.E.: CO-OP
Lannie Jones . . . Track 3.4: Advisory Board 3;
Hatchet 3: Language Club 3: Student Council 4; '
Spirit Angel 1: Black History 2.4: Cheerblock 3
Mike Jozwak . . . Tennis 1.2; Swimming 3: Football 1;
Hockey 2.3.4

Judy Kaczynski . . . C.O.E. 4; D.E.A. 4; Language Club 1.2; D.M.S. 1.2.3.4; Homecoming Decorating Comm. 3.4

Judith Karczewski . . . Baseball 2.3.4; Language Club 1.2; National Honor Society 3.4 John Keen . . . N.F.S.G. 1.2

Dave Keller...
Paul Kil...
Steve Kimbrough...Swimming 1,2,3,4
William Kinyon...

Bryan Kirkendoll . . . Football 1.2.3.4; Basketball 1.2.3.4; Track 3.4; Advisory Board 1; Homecoming Escort 4

Indith Kloski Baskethall 3: Drama Club 1.2: Lan-

Judith Kloski . . . Basketball 3: Drama Club 1.2; Language Club 1.2.3; Booster Club 4; Usher's Club 3.4; Ski Club 4

Ramona Kloski . . . Girls Usher's Club Bob Klota . . .

Dave Knapik . . . David Kolacz . . . Rifle Club 2,3,4; National Honor Society 3,4

Barb Konkol . . . Track 3.4; Language Club 2.3.4; National Honor Society 3.4; Usher's Club 2.3.4; Yearbook 2.3.4; (Activities Editor 4, Academics Editor 3); Junior Achievement 4

tor 3); Junio Acnevement 4 Randy J. Kosinski . . . Language Club 1,2,3,4. (President 4); German Club 1,2,3,4: Indiana University Honors Program Abroad (Germany); Debate Club 2; Drama Club 2: National Honor Society 3,4

Learning to Live

Craig Kovach . . . Hockey 1,2,3,4; Baseball 2,3,4; Tennis 2; Football Homecoming Escort 4

Jennie Kovach . . . Karla Kovach . . .

Pamela Krauser . . . National Honor Society 3,4; Yearbook 2,34, (Photographer 3,4); Hatchet 1,2,34, (Editor 3,4); Language Club 1,2,34; N.F.S.G. 1,2,3,4; Senior Skit 4; Next Generation Page 2,3,4

Tom Krebs. . . Baseball 1 Larry Krempec . . . Tennis 2,3,4; Junior Achievement 1,2,3,4; Yearbook 4, (Photographer 2,3,4); Senior Skit

Brian Krieg. . . . Class President 1; Drama Club 1.2.3.4. (Treasurer 4); Meet Me In St. Louis, Tell Me That You Love Me, Junie Moon, Bye Bye Birdie; Language Club 1; Ski Club 3,4; Class Party Comm. 1; D.E.C.A. (Secretary 4); Teacher's Aide 3,4; Switchboard 4

Anthony Kuczmanski . . . Sue Kuczmanski . . . Language Club 2,3; Student Council 3,4; C.O.E.-D.E.A., (Historian) Dale Kulwicki . . .

Dale Kulwicki . . . Patricia Kyle . . . Basketball 3,4; Softball 1,2,3,4; Panther 4; Hatchet 2,3,4; Yearbook 3,4



Matt Szymczak

Baseball was an important part of Matt Szymczak's life since he was a youngster. "I started playing ball at Maurice Matthys when I was about 8 years old. I never really played any position other than pitcher." Matt felt his best pitch was his fastball, but he hoped to develop the change-up.

Matt had been scouted by both the Cincinatti Reds and the Philadelphia Phillies. At the time Matt was not worried about playing professional baseball. "Right now, I'd just like to get a free ride to some college."

According to Matt, his ability to play baseball was a natural talent. He added that he threw the ball, "fast and hard but not always accurate."



on Our Own



Kathryn Laskowski . . . Language Club 2: National Honor Society 3.4: Hatchet 2.3.4. (Editor-In-Chief 4). Honor Society 3.4: Hatchet 2.3.4. (Editor-in-United) South Bend Tribune Next Generation Page 2.3.4. Stu-dent Panel 4: Marching Band Flag Carrier 2.3.4. Orchestra 1.2.3.4. (President 4): Ragtime Showtime, Spirits of '76, Once Upon a Mattress, Oklahoma, Bye Bye Birdie: National Merit Commended Scholar

Marcia Lathion. David Latoski. Connie Lawshea

Mary Jo Leda . . . Girls Swim Team 1: Girls Usher Club 3.4; Future Teachers 3.4; D.M.S. 1.2.3.4

Janice Lee . . . Mike Lee Van .

Mike Lee Van Cheerleader 1.2.3.4: Language Club 1.2.3.4: Spint Angel 1: Human Relations 1: Vice-President 1: Class Party 1: Office Aide 3: Hatchet Staff 3.4: National Honor Society 3.4: Drama Club 3.4: Glee Club 3.4: Class Representative 3: Swing Choir 3.4: Concert Choir 3.4: Who's Who Association 3.4: Oklahoma. Bye Bye Birdie

Joseph J. Leszczynski . . . Rifle Team 3.4; Golf 3.4: Isaac Walton League

Brian Levan . . .

Mike Lewinski . . . Senior Skit, Language Club 3.4. (Treasurer 4); Yearbook 3.4. (Editor 4); National Honor Society 3.4: Football Homecoming Escort 4: Indiana University High School Journalism Institute

Joe Lichnerowicz . . .

Marchelle Lindsey . . . Concert Choir 1,2,3; Mixed Chorus 1,2,3; Girls Choir 1,2,3
Marshall Lindsey . . . Betsy Link . . . Girls Tennis 1,2,3,4; Choir 2,3,4; Swing Choir 3,4; D.M.S. 1,2,3,4
Becky Lipinski . . . Tennis 3,4; Bye Bye Birdie (Adult Choir); Student Council 1; Advisory Board 2,3; Language Club 4; Prom Comm. 3,4; Class Party Comm. 2,3; Homecoming Court Comm. (crowns) 3; Senior Skit; Teacher's Aide 4; C.G.C. 1,2,3,4

Ann Marie Litka . . . Girls Swimming 1,2,3.4. (Tri-captain 3,4); Girls Track 1,2,3.4; National Honor Society

Ken Lubinski. Ryan Luczkowski... Laurie Lundquist . . .

Expressing Ourselves

Sandy Lundquist . . . Language Club 2; Teacher's Aide 3; National Honor Society 3.4; Yearbook 4; Senior Skit; C.G.C. 1,2.3.4 (Social Chairman 3, President 4) Stephen R. Lutomski . . . Football 1,2,34; Swimming 3,4; Language Club 1,2,3,4 (Vice President 4) Katy Lynch . . . Swim Team 1,2,3,4 (Captain 3,4); Track 1,2,3; National Honor Society 3,4 Johnnie Mack . . . Football 1; Hatchet 1,2; Yearbook

4; Debate Team 3,4





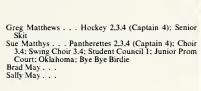




















Denise Goralski

For nine years Denise Goralski played volleyball and hoped to continue in volleyball and other sports at I.U.

Long practices and experience payed off this year, as Denise won the Most Valuable Player Award in volleyball. She also received the Kiwanis Award for ability, scholastic achievement and leadership.

Denise also participated in girls' basketball and softball. Although she liked all sports, Denise favored softball because her 5'1" height wasn't important.



by Our Achievements



Merry McFarland.

Ted Meert . . . Baseball 1,2,3,4; Hockey 3,4; Chorr 2,3,4; Swing Choir 2,3,4; Ragtime Showtime, Playbill Memories; Once Upon a Mattress; Oklahoma; Bye Bye Birdie; Advisory Board 3; Language Club 1,2; Drama Club 2,3; Meet Me In St. Louis; Tell Me That You Love Me, Junie Moon; Orchestra 2,3,4 Michelle Mesaros

Michelle Mesaros . . . Cheryl Milewski . . . Orchestra 1,2,3,4; Once Upon a Mattress; Ragtime Showtime; Oklahoma

Arlene Miller . . . Chicano Program 1,2,3,4

Karen Miller . . . Kim Millsaps . . . Home Economics Club 2; Language Club 2: Black History Program 2; Junior Achievement 1,4.

Michael Mincy . . . Basketball 1; Football 1; Football Homecoming Escort

Robert Molnar . . . Penny Neely . . . Choir 1,2,3,4 Steve Neuliep . . . Colleen Newton . . .

James Niemier . . . Baseball 1,2,3,4; Tennis 1,2,3; Oklahoma; D.E.C.A. 2,3,4; National Honor Society

Marianne Nowacki . . . Track 2; C.O.E. Sue Nowaczewski . . . Choir 2; Hatchet 2,3,4; Girl's Usher's Club 2,3,4; Human Relations 2; Booster Club

Vivian Nowaczewski . . . Concert Choir 2; D.E. 3,4

Mark O'Brien . . . Cindy Ogorek . . . Girl's Usher's Club 2; D.E.C.A. 3,4; Orchestra 1.2

Orchestra 1.2 Mike Orlicki. . . . Cindi Orlowski . . . Pantherettes 1.2.3.4: Drama Club 1: Language Club 1.2.3: National Honor Society 3.4: Prom Comm. 3.4: Class Party Comm. 2.4: D.M.S.

Getting It Together

Judith L. Orosz . . . Tennis 1,2,4; Language Club 3; Drama Club 1; C.O.E. 4; Orchestra 1,2; Ragtime Showtime 1; Once Upon a Mattress 1; Spirits of '76 2; Oklahoma

Pete Owsianowski . . . Phil Parmalee . . .

Andrew Patterson . . . Football 1,2,3; Basketball 1,2

Charles Pejza. . . Cheerblock 3; Peer Influence 2; Debate 2; C.O.E. 4; Student Council 4
Renee Perusich . . C.O.E. 4; O.E.A. 4; Yearbook 4; Prom Comm. 3; D.M.S. 1,2,3,4 (President 4)
Rodney Phillippi . . . Track 1,2; Debate 2,3

Melinda Piechocki Golf 1,2,3,4; Debate 3; Hatchet 1,2 Tammy Piechocki . . . Choir 1; Ragtime Showtime, Finsterwald & Co.; C.O.E. 4; D.M.S. 2,3,4 (Treasurer 4)

Michele Pietraszewski . . . Girl's Usher's Club 1,2,3,4; D.E.C.A. 3,4

Paul Kil

Many people do not know that the mural of athletes by the gym doors was done by Washington students. The idea came from Johnnie Mack and Clyde Clark, was drawn by Anthony Cecil, and was painted by Paul Kil.

Paul had four years of art at Washington and received three gold keys. Gold keys were given to winners of Scholastic Art Awards. Paul's paintings were among 200 art works displayed at Robertson's and later in New York with other Gold Key winners.

Paul liked to paint because, "You can do more in paint to feelings than any other art forms." He hoped to continue painting at Ball State and possibly teach art.



and Working It Out



ton League
Tina Ploughe.
Mike Polonka...
Joan Przybylinski... Choir 1,2; Spirit Angel 1,2; Junior Achievement 2,3,4; Drama Club 1,2; Language
Club 4; Band 1,2,3,4; Pep Band 1,2,3,4; Marching
Band 1,2,3,4; Flag Corps 4; Orchestra 1,2,3,4; Playbill
Memories; Spirits of '76; Ragtime Showtime; Finsterwald & Co.: Oklahoma; Bye Bye Birdie

Rifle Team 1,2,3,4; Isaac Wal-

Kenneth J. Plencer . . .

Mike Putz. . . . Swimming 1.2,3,4

Julie Rafalski . . . Drama Club 1,2; Language Club 1,2;
Booster Club 1; Prom Comm 3,4; D.M.S. 1,2,3,4

Jackie Ragland . . . Concert Choir 2; Swing Choir 2;
Playbill Memories 2; Oklahoma 3; Spirits of '76; Student Council 1,2,3,4; National Honor Society 3,4;
Language Club 1,2,3 (Treasurer 3); Black History
Program 1,2,4 (Vice President 3); Cheerblock 3;
Drama Club 1,2; Junior Class Decor. Comm.; Senior
Skit; Football Homecoming Court; Band 4; Book
Drive 3; Dance Marathon (Food Comm., Publicity
Comm.)

Anne Rajski . . . National Honor Society 3,4

Jim Rans...
Terry Ratliff...
David Redding... Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4;
Track 1; Student Council 1; Football Homecoming
Escort
Billy Reed...

Lorraine Reed. . . Penny Reichanadter . . . Dave Reiter . . .

Dave Reiter Jrama Club 1,2,3,4; Language Club 1,2,3,4; Prom Comm. 3,4; Band 1,2,3; Pep Band 1,2,3; Jazz Band 1,2; Orchestra 1,2,3; Spirits of '76

Brian Rittenhouse . . . Football 2,3: Wrestling 2,3: Concert Choir 2,3,4; Swing Choir 3,4

Bruce Rittenhouse... Cindy Robakowski...D.E.C.A. 3,4; Junior Achievement 2,3

ment 2.3
Phyllis Roberts . . . Student Council 2.3.4; Cheerblock 3.4; Girl's Usher's Club 2; Black History Program 2: Senior Citizen's Day 3; Dance Marathon 3; Language Club 4

Time Is of the Essence

Lea Anne Robinson . . . Class President 2.3.4: Language Club 1,2; National Honor Society 3,4; Year-book 2,3,4 (Senior Editor); Prom Comm. 3,4; Class

book 2,3,4 (Senior Editor); From Comm. 3,4; Class Party Comm. 2,3,4; Prom Court 3; Football Home-coming Court 4 Rochelle Robinson Kathy Roche . . . Volleyball 1,2,3; Language Club 1; Student Council 1; Class Party Comm. 1; Office Aide 4; Guidance Aide 2,3 Frand Polick

Brenda Rodick . . .

Darlene Rodgers . . . Cheerblock 3.4; Student Council 3.4 (Executive Board); C.O.E. 4 (Secretary); Football Homecoming Court

Jim Rogers . . . Hockey 1,2,3,4

Annie Ross . . . Swimming 1,2,3,4; Concert Choir 4; Advisory Board 1,2,3,4; National Honor Society 3,4; Prom Comm. 3,4

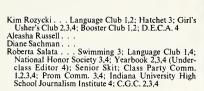
Becky Rothballer . . . Volleyball 2,3,4; Softball 1,2,3,4; Language Club 1; Student Council 1,2; Prom Comm. 3,4: Teacher's Aide 3,4



















David Redding

The Green Machine's opponents saw an awful lot of the number 81 flash before their eyes this football season. And with good reason because number 81 was end David Redding, David was an outstanding football and basketball player at Washington. He made both offensive and defensive All-Conference teams in football his Junior and Senior years, and also All-State offensive and defensive ends his Senior year. In his Junior year, David also made All-Conference in basketball. David hoped to attend college to continue his education and to play football.



College Survival Kits



We're Going to

Mary Stachowiak ... Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Student Council 1; Office Aide 3,4
Lisa Stopczynski ... C.O.E. 4 (Vice President); Ushers Club 2,3,4; Booster Club 2,3,4; National Honor Society 3,4; Language Club 2,3
Cynthia Sue Strzelecki ... Pantherettes 1,2,3,4 (Historian 2, Co. Capt. 3, Treasurer 4); Girls Choir 1; Mixed Choir 3,4; Swing Choir 4; Class Secretary 3,4; Class Party Comm. 1,2,3,4; Prom Comm. 3,4; D.M.S. 1,2,3,4
Dave Sult. Swim Teom 1,2,2, Lein W.

Dave Sult . . . Swim Team 1,2,3; Junior Waltons 4

Diane Suppinger. Mary Supplinger . . . C.O.E. 4; Language Club 1,2,3; O.E.A. 4; Prom Comm. 3,4; C.G.C. 2,3,4 Michael Suppinger . . Football 1,2,4; Language Club 1; Hatchet Staff 1,2; Yearbook Photographer 1,2,3,4; Sports Editor 3 Tom Szalewski . .

Doug Szlanfucht...Football 1,2,3,4 Cheryl Szweda...Girls Tennis 1,2,3,4; Cheerleading 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 2,3,4; Swing Choir 3,4; Oklahoma, Bye Bye Birdie; Office Aide 3,4 Diana Szymczak...National Honor Society 3,4; Hatchet Staff (Business Manager 4) Matt Szymczak...Baseball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1; Ten-nis 2,3,4; Language Club 1,2; National Honor Society 3,4



Bryan Kirkendoll

Senior Bryan Kirkendoll had been quarterback of Beans VanCamp's football team for three years. He lettered his sophomore year and every year after. Bryan's senior year was a most rewarding one as he made All-Conference quarterback and All-State quarterback. Bryan was also a credit to Subby Nowicki's basketball team and received a letter. But he hoped to pursue his career in football at college.



Change the World



Michael Szymczak . . . Basketball 2,3,4; Choir 1,2,3,4 (Vice President 3, Treasurer 4); Once Upon a Mat-tress, Ragtume Showtime, Finsterwald & Co.; Class Advisory Board 2; Football Homecoming Escort 4 Ted Szymczak . . .

Bridget Szynski . . . Basketball 4: Booster Club 2,3

Brügget Szynski . . . Basketball 4; Booster Club 2,3 (President); Junior Achievement 2; Ushers Club 2,3,4; National Honor Society 3,4; Yearbook 4 (Busi-ness Manager); C.O.E. 4 (President); O.E.A. 4 Debbie Taylor . . . Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 3,4; Softball 1,2,3,4; Upward Bound 2,3,4; Girl's Club 2,3; Student Aide 3; Band 1,2,3,4; Oscial Chairman 3, President 4); Pep Band 1,2,3,4; Orchestra 2,3

Doreen Kay Thompson . . . Concert Choir 1,2,3,4; Concert Band 1,2,3,4 (Secretary 2,3); Twirler 1,2,3,4; Feature Twirler 2,3,4; Orchestra 2,3,4; Pep Band 1,2,3,4; Jazz Band 4; Spirits of '76; Oklahoma: Bye Bye Birdie; Finsterwald & Co.

Michele Thompson . . . D.E.C.A. 3,4; Prom & Class Party Comm. 3,4

Allison Townsend . . . Basketball 2,3,4; Pantherettes 4; Social Chairman 1; Advisory Board 2,3,4; Usher's Club 2,3,4; Girl's Sports Club 1,2,3,4; Black History 1,2,4; Upward Bound 3,4; Class Party Comm. 1,2,3,4; Prom Comm. 3,4; Football Homecoming Court; Band 1,2,3,4 (Social Chairman 3); Twirler 2,3,4; Pep Band 1.2.3

Karen Ann Tucker . . . Girls Chorus 1; Concert Choir 2,3,4; Swing Choir 2,3,4; Ragtime Showtime; Once Upon a Time: Finsterwald & Co., Let Freedom Ring; Spirits of '76; Playbill Memories; Happy Days; Oklahoma: Sing Out; Sweet Land: Bye Bye Birdie; Student Council President 4; Language Club 2; Student Council 3,4; Drama Club 3,4; Concert Band 1,2; Marching Band 1,2

Larry Turner . . Derrick Tyler . . . Football 1,2,3,4

Patty Verosky . . . Hatchet Staff 3; Girls Ushers Club 2,3; Class Party Comm. 3,4

usan Waldron . . . Language Club 1.2; Class Party Comm. 2; Prom Comm. 3 Susan Waldron . Paul Wasielewski . . . Linda Wawrzyniak . . . C.O.E. Nancy Weaver . . . Career Center 4

Paul Werwas. . . Band 1,2; Pep Band 1,2; Jazz Band 2; Boys State Delegate: B-Tennis 2 (Most Improved Player); Hatchet Staff 2; Drama Club 1,2,4 (Stage Crew); Language Club 1 Kathrynmary White. . . Language Club 2; Girl's Ush-er's Club 2,3,4; Hatchet Staff 4; Booster Club 3

Mark Wicker . . .

Aubrey Williams . . . Football 1.2,3.4: Basketball 2: Track 2,3.4

Only the Beginning

Herschell Williams Jr. . . . Concert Choir 1,2,3,4; Finsterwald & Company; Bye Bye Birdie

Pertrina Williams . . . Troy Williams . . . Leon Wilson . . .

onna Witucki . . . Tennis 2,3,4; Class Historian 2,3,4; Booster Club 1.2; National Honor Society 3,4; Year-book Staff 3,4 (Business Manager); Class Party Comm. 2,3,4; Prom Comm. 3,4; Football Homecom-Donna Witucki . ing Court; Oklahoma; Rotarian 4; C.G.C. 1,2,3,4 (Social Chairman 4)

(Social Chairman 4)
Pam Wright . . . Hatchet Staff (Reporter 2,3.4, Assistant Editor 3, Page Editor 4, N.G.P. 3,4); Language Club 2,3.4 (French Rep. on Advisory Board 4); Concert Band 2.3; Marching Band 2
Julie Wroblewski . . Volleyball 2,3.4; Softball Manager 2,3.4; Language Club 1,2,3.4; National Honor Society 3,4 (Vice President); Yearbook 2,3.4; National Merit Commended Scholar
Ray S Wroblewski Ir. (Burs) . Football 1,2,3.4

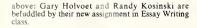
Ray S. Wroblewski Jr. (Bugs) . . . Football 1,2,3,4

Brian Yanko . . . Hatchet 3,4; Yearbook 4; Jazz Band 1,2,3,4; Pep Band 1,2; Band 1,2,3,4 Michael Yates . . Baseball 1,2,3,4; Tennis 1,2,3,4; Advisory Board 4; Ski Club 4; Language Club 1,2,3,4; National Honor Society 3,4; Student Council 1; Hatchet Sports Editor 3,4; Class Party Comm. 2,3,4; Prom Comm. 3,4

Karen Zsedeny . . . Language Club 2,4; Hatchet 2,4; Booster Club 2,4; Girl's Usher's Club 2,4







right: Geoffery Bradley finds a lighter moment in the treacherous Senior Essay Writing class.



Leading the Class of '78



Senior Class officers kept busy this year by raising funds for the class party which was held in February. Although they spent a lot of time working, they also found time for fun and games at Farrell's and the Senior pizza party.

Being a class officer was an experience in leadership which will help after graduation.



upper left: Class Officers (l. to r.) Lea Anne Robinson, President: Karın Gustafson, Vice President: Sue Santa, Treasurer; Mr. Tulchinsky, Sponsor: Donna Witucki, Historian; Glenn Duddleson, Social Chairman; Cindy Strzelecki.

left: Advisory Board (l to r.) Mike Yates, Angie Salazar, Annie Ross, Allison Townsend, Paul Belmarez.

lower left: Advisory Board member Allison Townsend thinks about the upcoming Senior Class Party.

below: Historian Donna Witucki was caught planning a pizza party in her government class.





Juniors...

This year the Junior Class was very busy raising funds in order to insure that the Junior-Senior Prom would be the best ever. Under the leadership of Mr. Linetty and a hard-working group of class officers, the goal was reached.

The Juniors started the year off with the semi-formal class party in October. The next activity, a joint effort by the class and the Hockey Club, was a "skate-and-dance" at the Ice Box. They also did a great job handling the Basketball Homecoming and dance. The Class of '79 started something new this year with a St. Patrick's Day corsage sale. This was also the day when all Juniors dressed up in their best.

The success of this year proved that the Juniors were well prepared to lead W.H.S. "Ever Onward" in 1979.

right: Juniors like Vicki Weeks, Sue Szcypski, and Linda Ryback enjoy classes like Filing and Record Keeping which help them in their future careers as secretaries.



Akemon, Pam Alsander, Willie Anastos, Elizabeth Andrews, David Armstrong, Randy Bailey, Cynthia Bajer, Robin Balough, Sandra

Bang, Paul Beelaert, Saundra Benedict, Michelle Benjamin, Brigid Bikowski, Karen Black, Cecil Blad, Linda Borlik, Mark

Boyden, Lewis Breit, Warren Bridges, Andre Brown, Darlene Brown, Mark Brown, Rose Brummell, Bernard Brummett, Frank

Bucher, Jeffrey Budny, Eric Budzinski, Robert Burlingame, Stephen Bykowski, Paul Call, Todd Canul, Emelio Carlton, Eric

Casarez, Mary Caudill, Rosemarie Cenkush, Laurie Chrzan, Karen Chwalek, Claire Ciesielski, Debra Ciesiolka, Carol Ciula, Victoria

Clark, Arther Clark, James Coleman, Janice Conlee, Judi Coppens, Gregory Critchlow, Dianne Critchlow, Jeffrey Crittendon, William





above: On Halloween, a masked student decides to break the monotony of school life.



Dewitte, Michelle Dodd, Anne Dombrowski, Mark Dooms, Frances



Drew, Timothy Dudeck, Steven Dulcet, Denise Dygulski, Elaine

Edwards, Chris Escobedo, Roberto

Cukrowicz, Edward Daugherty, Shawn Davis, Anthony Dering, Sherrie























Glon, Raynond





































Heim, Connie Henry, Ronald









Kaczynski, Lisa Kafka, Annette Kalicki, Karen Kantorowski, Kim Karmolinski, Michael Kasa, Robert Kasznia, Linda Kasznia, Michelle

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Juniors . . . Prom Challenges Their Creativity

Kasznia, Vicky Kazmierski, David Kazmierzak, James Kelly, John Kennedy, Jacqueline Kirg, Terri Kirkendoll, Robert Klosinski, Greg

Klota, Joseph Knefley, Michael Kohler, Jeffrey Kolacz, Daniel Kopczynski, Sharon Korpal, Kennith Koszyk, Cynthia Kowalski, Marilyn

Kowalski, Mark Kruk, Daniel Kruszynski, Mark Krzyzaniak, Mary Jo Kubica, Christine Kuczmanski, Ann Kuczmanski, Luanne Laskowski, Janice

Lathion, Shelia Lauer, James Leevan, Brian Leevan, Michelle Lekarczyk, Deborah Lewandowski, Duane Lewis, Terrance Lichnerowicz, Robert

Lipinski, Rachele Lippert, Jim Lisek, Gordon Littell, Scott Lloyd, Lenora Love, Felicia Love, Louis Lubelski, Ernest

Lubelski, Michael Lundquist, Laura Maciejewski, Rebecca Manis, Patrick Markiewicz, John Marshall, Idella Martin, Linda Martin, Thomas

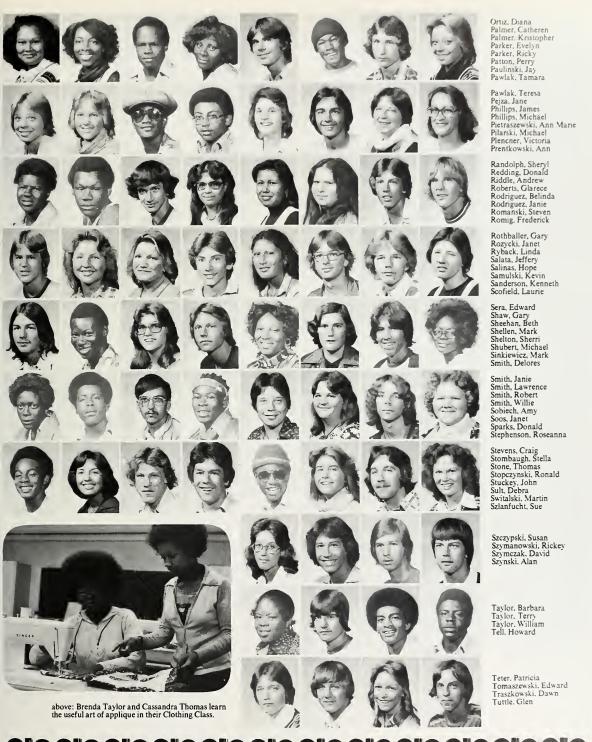
Matthys, Sandra Maure, Martha McCammon, Rebecca Mejer, Veronica Miller, Carlton Miller, Debra Mnichowski, David Montgomery, Denita

Montgomery, Terri Mosby, Marilyn Murphy, Scott Neilson, Barry

Nemeth, Phillip Nickerson, Duane Niedosik, Christine Niemier, James

Niezgodzki, Jennifer Ogorek, Sally Olis, Rita Orlicki, Karen





Juniors . . . Looking Forward to Being "Upperclass"

Tyler, Robert Ullery, Todd Van Brocklin, Ron Vandezande, Paul

Vanslager, Cynthia Waddups, Donald Waletzko, Anthony Walters, George

Weeks, Vicky Weesner, Sharon Wesolowski, Karen White, Dennis

White, Thomas Wieczorek, Cindy Williams, Donna Wisnewski. Lori Wlodarek, Audrey Wojcik, Judy Wright, James Wrobel, Christina

Wroblewski, Diane Wroblewski, Edward

Young, Roxann Zablocki, Ruth

Zmyslo, Alan

















above: Kevin Chandler and Eric McDaniels make perfect models for the Fundamentals of Art Class.



































top left; Janice Laskowski and Mike Akerding jam for hours at the Junior Class Party.

top right: Scott Littell and Donna Molnar enjoy a quiet moment alone.

above: Mr. Linetty picks a lucky Junior girl for a slow dance.

left: Music at the Junior Class Party is presented by "River City Cycle of Sounds."

Leaders Are "Changing All That"

The 77-78 Junior class officers were elected at the end of their Sophomore year in order to prepare for a successful Junior year. The class arranged fund-raising activities; such as "ribbon" sales for the football season, dances, and candy sales. These activities provided the needed funds for a successful class party and Junior-Senior prom. With the help of the hard-working officers and the class sponsor Mr. Linetty, the class advanced 'Ever Onward' to '79!

right: Dennis White, Jane Pejza, Mike Pilarski and Cynthia Love make up the 1977-78 Junior Class advisory board.

below: The 1977-78 Junior Class Officers.













top left; Jenny Niezgodski and Rachelle Lipinski are the Historian and Social Chairman of the Junior Class.

top right: Janice Lasowski and Debbie Sult are the Treasurer and Secretary of the Junior Class.

left: Kathy Palmer and Sandy Matthys are the Vice President and President of the Class of '79.

above: A group of class officers take a break to observe the beautiful scenery at Island Park.

Sophomores.

The 1977-78 school year was a very busy one for the Sophomore Class. Fundraising projects were started early in the fall to provide for the many planned activities. Car washes and Christmas candy sales helped pay the many expenses. Also in the fall the Sophomore Class sold W.H.S. sweaters.

One of the most exciting Sophomore activities was a dance after the W.H.S.-Riley game; Riley students were invited to share the fun with the students at W.H.S. The April Class Party was a memorable event also.

The class of '80, headed by Mrs. Drapek, and the hard-working class officers showed much enthusiasm. As the year passed quickly, they anxiously awaited their special year-1980!!!

right: Five-minute breaks allow friends to get together at lockers.



Aikens, Annette Alerding, Michael Anderson, Curtis Anderson, Darryl Anderson, Kenneth Atkins, Donna Babicz, Brian Bailey, Tressa

Bajer, Alan Bajer, Frances Banasiewicz, Micheal Bang, Earl Banicki, David Barczykowski, Sandra Barlich, Julie Barson, Karen

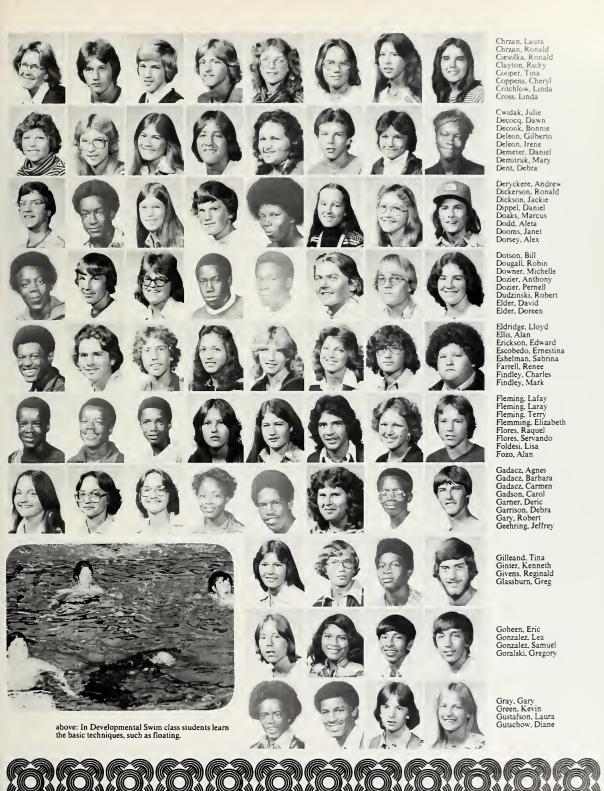
Beck, Mark Beghan, Joseph Benavidez, Polly Bilinski, Robert Bleak, Tamara Bonds, Laura Bonek, Michael Borkowski, Paul

Borowski, Michelle Borsody, Becky Bottorff, Arthur Bowens, Orlando Bowens, Tanja Boykins, Keith Bradberry, Judy Bradberry, Tina

Brenner, Anita Buckingham, Frances Buczkowski, Lisa Bueno, Ray Buress, Luchenne Butchko, Denise Butler, Constance Cantu, Pauline

Canul, Mario Casey, Joseph Catano, Gregorio Cauffman, Donald Cencelewski, Caryle Chan, Tan Soon Chand, Pamila Chleboeski, Kenneth





Sophomores . . . Fun and Frivolity Spark Second Year

Guzowski, Kim Hall, Gwendolyn Harman, Scott Hauguel, Nancy

Henderson, Luke Henke, Karyn Henry, Melvin Hill, Gregory

Hoff, Kevin Holmes, Kimberly Homelewski, Tim Horton, Belinda

Horvath, Carol Horvath, Maureen Hoskin, Walter Hoskins, Connie Howard, Laura Huddleston, Terrance Hurley, Nancy Jackson, Anthony

Jackson, Keith
Jackson, Loretta
Jaworski, James
Jennings, Ernest
Jensen, Robin
Jiricek, Janice
Johnson, Denise
Johnson, Nathaniel

Johnson, Terrence Jones, Anthony Jones, Nelson Jozwiak, Robert Jurczak, James Jurek, Kenneth Jurgonski, Thomas Kadzielski, John

Kaizer, Kevin Kalmar, Pamala Karkiewicz, Paul Kasznia, Denise Kazmierczak, Debbie Kentner, Linda Kinyon, Pamela Kirkendoll, Zachary

Klopfenstein, Robin Koelling, Linda Kolecki, Carolyn Kolensik, Janet Konkol, Jeanne Kosinski, Sherry Kowalski, David Kowalski, Kevin

Kowalski, Mary Jo Krakowski, Tina Krol, Joseph Krol, Renita Kruk, Gerald Kruszewski, Robert Laskowski, Judith Leda, Michael

Lesiuk, Mark Lewinski, Mary Libertowski, John Lichkay, Brian Lichnerowicz, Pamela Logan, Kimberley Logan, Steven Lopez, Michael





Sophomores . . . Growing, Maturity and Privileges

Robinson, Dwayne Rodgers, Cynthia Rogers, Nathaniel Rogers, Randy

Rogers, Ronald Rollins, Elizabeth Ross, Mary Sachman, Debra

Salata, David Saunders, Anthony Scott, Ernest Searfoss, Steven

Sego, James Shannon, Robert Short, Patricia Siders, Patricia Simmons, Karen Simon, Michael Singleton, Matthew Sinka, Paul

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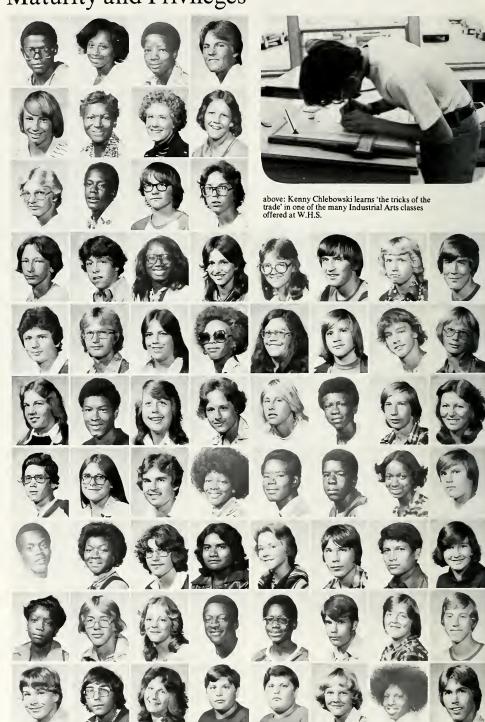
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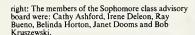
top left: Lori Jachimiak's artistic talents are displayed in one of her many fine paintings.

above: Jeff Geehring 'just hangs around' during a break at play practice.

left: Swim class provides enjoyment for many students.

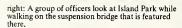
Leading the Way

Each year when the time came to elect class officers, the students looked for special people to play these leadership roles. The class officers had to lead their class in a productive and successful way in order to insure class parties, dances and other activities. With all this in mind, the class of '80 chose the right students. The class sponsor, Mrs. Drapek, gave the extra leadership that was needed, and together they helped make their Sophomore year very memorable for all those involved.









above: Renee Farrell and Luther Tyson were the Historian and Social chairman for the Sophomore class.

top right: Officers of the Sophomore class were: Gail Wood—Treasurer; Judy Szlanfucht—Vice President; David Randle—President; and Gwen McBride—Secretary.













top: Students find typing an enjoyable class.

above left: Anthony Jones shows that sewing isn't just for girls as he makes a handsome necktie.

above: Kathy Palmer and Cynthia Love display some fashions that were popular at W.H.S.

left: Tim Gale and a friend from the Central Career Center learn the art of welding during their threehour classes at the Center.

Freshmen...

Their first year was a very exciting one for the Freshmen. Among the first of their fund-raising events was a bake sale. Many of the students participated, and it proved successful.

The class of '81 also planned many activities for the school year. In the fall they sponsored a dance after a Mishawaka-W.H.S. football game. The spring class party was a very special experience for the Freshman, as it was their first date, or just the chance to make new friends.

right: Creativity is demonstrated many ways by WHS students.



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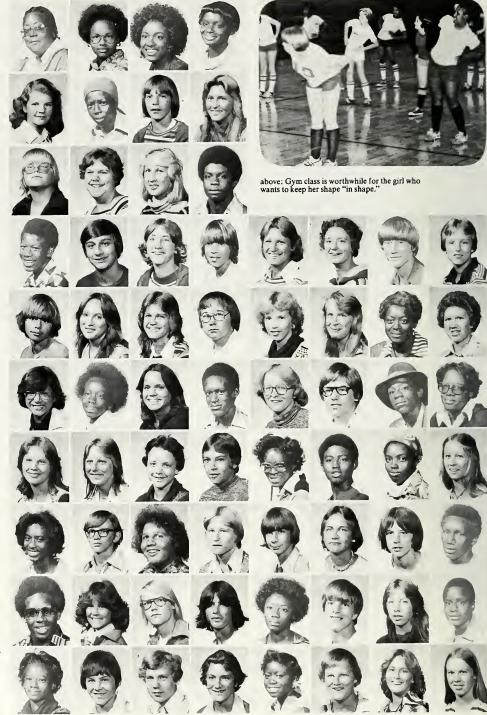
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Freshmen . . . On the Long Road to Graduation

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Due to technical difficulties, the above students were left out of their respective sections. SORRY!!!

First Leadership Experience





Searching for their class officers was a new experience for the Class of '81; Mr. Aronson, the class sponsor, and the class officers gave unique leadership to their class. They knew, as they planned ahead for their future high school years, that they would never forget the memories their first year being W.H.S. students had brought them.

far left: Connie Rothballer and Mary Rzeszewski are the Social Chairman and Historian for the Class of '81.

left: Jill Gleeson and Amy Niemier were the Secretary and Treasurer of the Freshman Class.

bottom left: Sheryl Matthys and Lancie Lentych are the Vice President and President of the Class of '81.

bottom: Tom Mnichowski and Elma Bautista are members of the advisory board. Not pictured: Judy Babinski, Judy Love, and John Breveard.









Friends

A number of factors, out of necessity. had to work together in order for a yearbook to be successful. Finances had, in recent years, become a very important, and an oftentimes, limiting factor. If money could not be found to cover the overall cost of the annual, the quality of the book suffered. Since subscriptions accounted for less than seventy percent of the total cost of publication, each year additional money had to be raised in order to keep Memory Lane on a sound financial base. Nineteen seventy-three marked the initial year of advertising in Memory Lane. In the past five years advertising income had increased over two-hundred percent. Consequently, the size of the Advertising section had grown.

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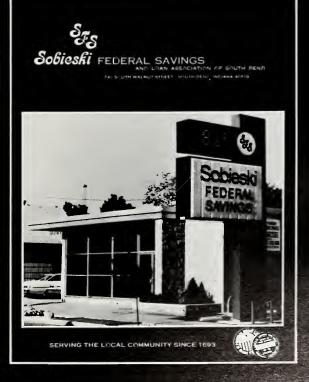
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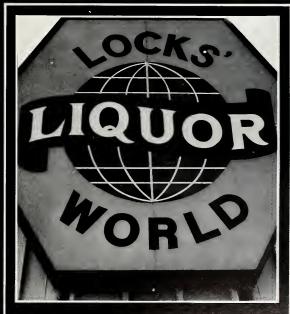
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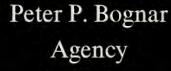
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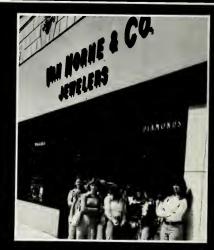
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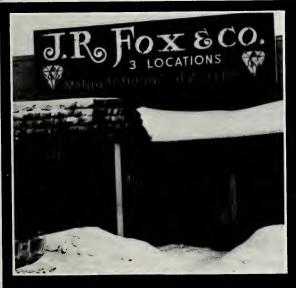
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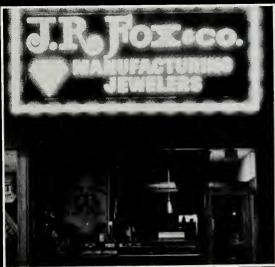
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Record Coal Strike, Record Snow, & Viruses!

"Conserve Energy!" Never before was this warning so serious as during the early months of 1978. A nationwide coal strike surpassed record lengths and many industrialized states, including Indiana, faced economic disaster. Indiana Electric companies, which were based almost entirely on coal, were forced to set up emergency plans for conservation as coal supplies reached critical forty, and then thirty day levels.

Schools, including Washington High, were forced to cut back heating and lighting, suspend extra-curricular activities, shorten school days, and face mandatory closings.

Students, not yet over the shock of the great blizzard, found it difficult to stay warm with classroom temperatures near sixty degrees and hall temperatures dropping to nearly fifty degrees.

Absenteeism shot sky high, as it seemed that nearly everyone had some sort of virus. And sunlight cast an eerie glow in the chilled hallways as lighting was kept to a

minimum so as to comply with a fifty percent mandatory electrical usage reduction.

Energy was clearly the primary issue of the year, but it was not the only issue. President Carter, during the initial year of his term, pushed for an energy bill; was granted the right to restructure the executive branch; pushed through Congress a massive economic package; reintroduced human rights into foreign policy; and took an active role in attempting to bring permanent peace to the war-torn Middle East.

In other political news, Queen Elizabeth celebrated her Silver Jubilee; Anwar Sadat visited Israel and Prime Minister Begin in an unprecedented peace move; Robert Byrd led the Senate; Thomas "Tip" O'Neal was Speaker of the House; and the country lost one of its most loved and most active politicians, Hubert Humphrey, to cancer.

Meanwhile the entertainment field suffered the losses of such stars as: Elvis Presley, Jack Benny, Groucho Marx, Bing Crosby, Guy Lombardo, and Joan Crawford.

Sports saw the retirement of superstar soccer player Pele; a triple crown by "Seattle Slew"; the loss of the heavyweight title by Muhammad Ali to Leon Spinks; and a national championship crown for the Notre Dame Fighting Irish football team.

ABC-TV held the top spot with its hits: "Laverne & Shirley"; "Happy Days"; "Three's Company"; "Soap"; "Loveboat"; and "Fantasy Island." "Star Wars," "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," and "Saturday Night Fever" were the smash movie hits of the year, while Bob Hope and Carol Burnett were the People's Choice for the most popular all-around entertainers of the year.

Above and beyond the recorded events, each student held his or her own special memory of the school year we call 1977-78.

above: Winter storms ravaged the Midwest and East Coast States, while floods hit California after a prolonged drought. This view is indicative of all South Bend Streets following the blizzard of '78.







above: Hubert Humphrey, "the Happy Warrior" died of cancer at the age of 66 after many years of public service in Washington D.C.

top left: President Carter faced many tough issues during his first year in office, including the Middle East, energy, the coal strike, and the economy.

left: Jillian Guiler and her son Barry, huddle together as something extraordinary takes place outside their home in "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."





Blizzard Shuts Down City

What began as harmless snow flurries on a Wednesday afternoon in late January, turned into the worst blizzard in Indiana's history. By Sunday, the snow depth was forty-one inches—a record, and Michiana had only begun to dig out.

Official warning of the impending storm came shortly after 3:45 pm Wednesday, January 25. By Thursday morning it was obvious that all activities would be canceled. Citizens could only wait out the storm. Salaried employees enjoyed a surprise vacation, and high school students marveled at how their prayers had been answered. Their prayers, however, had only been for enough snow to close schools Thursday in order to avoid exams. They never expected to have nearly a two week vacation!

Meanwhile, all roads in the area, and, in fact, in the entire state, were closed to all but emergency vehicles; they remained off limits for a period of five days. All retail businesses closed with the exceptions of scattered grocery stores and gas stations. Brave souls with trailing, make-shift, sleds struggled to the few open food stores seeking milk, bread, and eggs. Many

found only bare shelves or long lines.

Most people simply remained home, since there was no way to get anywhere and no where to go if you could get there.

While the general public viewed the storm's results as spectators, the National Guard, local authorities and local contractors set about the task of reopening a paralyzed city. State, county, and local police continually warned motorists to remain at home, although in most cases it would have been impossible for them to leave their own driveways.

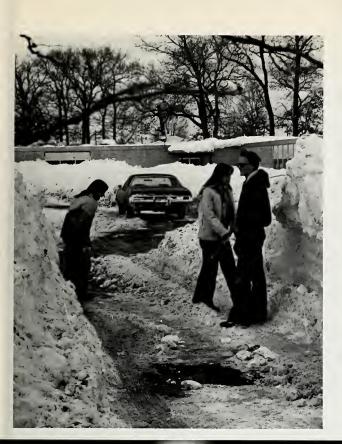
Eight days and over \$500,000 later, only a handful of remote streets were still shut by drifts. Travel, however, was limited to one lane on all but essential roadways.

Schools, factories, and businesses reopened, and students returned to halls filled with water buckets to catch the leaking roofs and a shortened, third nine week period.

top left: Citizens on the 200 block of Victoria in South Bend dig out from a blizzard that dumped over 35 inches of snow on South Bend in 4 days.

right: Downtown South Bend streets were barren of traffic during and following the blizzard, as all vehicles were ordered off the streets,









above: Two future WHS students comply with the city's request to uncover fire hydrants near home and schools, following the worst winter storm in Indiana's history.

top left: Kathie Lutomski, Mary Lewinski, and Steve Lutomski survey the parking problems created by the attempted snow-removal efforts in the WHS parking lot.

top far left: Classes were snowed out for nearly two weeks as blizzard conditions drifted in the school and made travel difficult for students and staff.

A Look Down Memory Lane

Another year had passed and Washington's rich tradition had continued. Three hundred and twenty-five graduating Seniors said their final good-byes as they left the carefree life of high school to become a part of an increasingly competitive world. For many, college was in the immediate future; for others, an immediate step into lifetime employment would follow graduation. But all had lived, loved, laughed, and sometimes cried through four years of memorable experiences at Washington High School.

Underclassmen looked forward to continuing their education at Washington. Juniors would become the leaders of the school; Sophomores would be one year closer to graduation; and Freshmen would be able to show the incoming Freshmen around the school as they had been shown.

Each student had his or her own special memory of the 1977-78 school year. From the Prom and class parties to sports events; from that first honor roll status to the eleven day "snow" vacation; from class officers to club activities; the W.H.S. student body had combined a variety of interests and had created a uniqueness which evoked many changes.

A new school store, a new video tape club, increased club activity, and new academic standards were but a few of the changes brought about by the actions of the W.H.S. family—its faculty, administrators, and student body.

Time seemed to pass all too quickly. The year had just started and it was already over. But there was little time for reflection; the entire future lay before the students of Washington High School.

top: For nine months of the year Washington High school is an active, vital, part of many students' lives. It will long be remembered.

The look down Memory Lane is now complete. The future will provide many changes, but the past can always be relived through the pages of Memory Lane.





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below: (l. to r.) front, G. Duddleson, T. Hodowaniec, A. Canul, C. Kovach, D. Givens, M. Yates, M. Sinkiewicz, S. Romanski, mgr. M. Leda. back, Coach Putnam, D. Kazmierzak, S. Goralczyk, M. Szymczak, J. Kohler, B. Doaks, R. Glon, J. Neimier, D. Hyduk, Coach Ullrich.



below: (l. to r.) front, K. Ginter, D. Demeter, J. Soos, R. Chrzan, M. Lesiuk, A. Fozo, M. Sisti, S. Searfoss, J. Libertowski, E. Erickson.

back, R. Cross, J. Reichanadter, K. Dombrowski, M. Stankiewicz, H. Grounds, mgr. C. Harris, T. Green, A. Andrysiak, D. Weiczorek, J. Maciejewski, Coach Tomaszewski.





Szymczak Leads Pitchers

The opening of the '78 baseball season looked promising with many accomplishments anticipated. By the end of the season many of these accomplishments had become reality. Both Clay and Adams, highly ranked state teams, were defeated by the Panthers. And after a double-header eyelash defeat by St. Joe, the Panthers upset the No. 4 ranked Indians 4-2 in the first game of the sectionals.

A pitching staff, which included Matt Szymczak, Ray Glon, and Jim Neimier. and timely hits by Dan Kazmierzak, Steve Romanski, Mike Yates, and Steve Goralzyk gave the Panthers a balanced attack.

Matt Szymczak, a three-year pitcher was highly regarded and recruited throughout his outstanding high school career.









above: Matt Szymczak demonstrates the form that makes him a winner.

top left: Doc Givens scores a needed go-ahead run.

far left: Craig Kovach covers first on a close play against Mishawaka.

left: Alan Fozo scores on one of Mark Lesiuk's many RBI's.





Second In City

Under the guidance of Coach Shively, the 1978 girl's softball team finished second in the city. Hard work throughout the entire season enabled the team to compile an excellent record. At season's end. Washington's chances for first place were tremendous. But in the final game of the South Bend Invitational Softball Championship, Washington was defeated 9-2 by the Adams Eagles. Four errors in the first three innings spelled defeat for the Panthers as they fell behind 8-0. The success of the overall season however, overshadowed the final game disappointment.

above: The softball team watches as a teammate attempts to get a hit.

left: Coach Shively directs the girls from her third

right: Team members round the bases as Coach Shively watches.









above: Team takes a breather in the shade between innings.

top: The 1978 Girls Softball Team.



Teamwork The Key

Things were looking disastrous for the girl's tennis team during their second match of the season. Michigan City Elston had won the first sets of five of the individual matches. But endurance and determination on the part of the team initiated a great comeback when two of the matches were won in three sets. The girls came home from Michigan City Elston that evening with an amazing 4 to 3 victory over the Elston Red Devils.

Comebacks like this were common throughout the season. Although tennis was an individual sport, the girls continually worked together as a team. This teamwork, coupled with individual talent and competent coaching from John Killeen and Susan Sipotz, permitted the team to accumulate a fantastic record of ten victories and three defeats.

Although the team was composed of mostly Seniors, the underclass members looked forward to another great season.

left: Marilyn Kowalski gets prepared before the beginning of the match.

right: Donna Witucki returns the ball with her backhand stroke.







above: The 1978 Girls Tennis team: (l. to r.) back: Coach Sipotz, D. Witucki, C. Goralski, B. Lapinski, C. Szweda, J. Orosz, Coach Killeen.

front: M. Kowalski, A. Dodd, B. Link, S. Mauro, P. Lichnerowicz, Record: (10-3).

SWINGING INTO MOT

Steve Neulip Heads Team

Five returning lettermen, headed by fourth year varsity player Steve Neulip and composed of Joe Leszynski, Kevin Kowalski, Mike Peichocki, and Mike LeeVan gave coach Watson and Washington High School one of its best golf teams. A final record of 23-22 was deceiving, since four of the teams' defeats were by less than a stroke per player. A second place sectional finish was the best ever by the school. And Steve Neulip competed in the regional as an individualist. The B-team had three returning players: Gary Rothballer, Joe Casey and Ron Rogers and they finished with a record of 1-3.

left: The 1978 Varsity Golf Team: (l. 10 r.) back: Coach Watson, S. Neulip, M. LeeVan, M. Peichocki, front: K. Kowalski, J. Leszynski.

middle left: Mike Peichocki practices his putting at Elbel Golf Course while Joe Leszynski watches his style.







above: Kevin Kowalski drives his ball down the fairway on the first hole at Elbel.

far left: Steve Neulip, in his fourth year on the varsity squad, uses extra leverage on a long shot down the fairway.

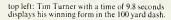
left: Following through his shot, Mike Lee Van watches the ball sail down the fairway.

Mile Relay 1st In State

Where there was pride, there was victory; and that statement held true for the '78 track team. A long grueling season paid off. Washington's mile relay made up of Junior Darwin Hilliard, Sophomores Ron Moore, Anthony Davis, Tim Turner ran 3:18.6 seconds in winning the Gary Regional Title. The Quartet ended up at the state meet with a school record and a state best of 3:17.8 seconds. Tim Turner also took first in the 100 yard dash with a school record of 9.8 seconds. These two first place finishes earned Washington 20 points and seventh place in the state. Ron Moore also competed in the state final but was edged out of a finishing place. Determination, pride and effort helped the 1978 track team to a successful season.







above: The 1978 track team.

far right: Perry Reichanadter comes in first in the mile.

right: Hurdles are an easy event for the W.H.S. track team.







TURNER AND RELAY BEST IN STATE









above: Cecil Black releases the shot put on the way to a winning heave.

top: Coach Stallworth discusses some points including his time in the mile relay with Darwyn Hilliard.

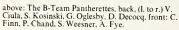
top left: Darwyn Hilliard clears the bar in his first attempt at the high jump.

left: Anthony Davis receives the baton from Darwyn Hilliard in the mile relay. The Panthers had a state best of 3:17.8 seconds in the relay.

GIRLS STRUGGLE TO GAIN EXPERIENCE













Determination & Work

Looking at the scores and the overall team record, many would be discouraged. But taking into consideration the relative newness of the girl's track program at W.H.S., the season could be considered a learning experience.

The girl's track program demanded top physical conditioning, endurance, and self-discipline. The girls work throughout the entire season to achieve success through these goals. Although the record books report the success of a year through a won-loss record, it fails to recognize the experience and growth attained from a year of hard work and determination. This is the type of success the 1978 girl's track program achieved.

far left: Cynthia Vanslager prepares to throw the shot put.

middle left: Barb Konkol pushes hard on the final lap of the one mile run.

left: The 1978 girl's track team.





above: Practice is the key to success in the high jump as well as any track event.

left: The 440 relay proves to be one of the most successful and demanding events for the girls.



right: Frank (Glenn Duddleson) and Ernestine (Cynthia Vanslager) reflect back on memories of their childhood in the Gilbreth family.

below: Mrs. Gilbreth (Rachelle Lipinski) and Mr. Gilbreth (Ted Meert) discuss the problems of raising their children.





middle left: Miss Brill (Linnie Lyntch) tells Mr. Gilbreth how his children cheated to pass the exam.

left: Joe Scales (Jeff Geehring), Anne's first boyfriend, leads the Gilbreth family in a high school cheer.





The show must go on! Although plans had to be delayed due to the energy shortage, the Drama club and many enthusiastic actors and actresses managed to put on "Cheaper By the Dozen". The performances brought the audience to their feet both Friday and Saturday night.

The cast and directors tried something new, double-casting. The May fifth and sixth performances featured many of the same actors and actresses, but a few faces were changed. Double-casting gave an opportunity for more talented students to display their acting ability and for some of the less-experienced actors experience on stage for future plays.

The play was based on a true story about a family with ten children, whose father ran the family as an army troop.

As usual, following the Saturday night performance, the cast and crew held a cast party. The party was held at the house of the director, Mr. Good.





top left: Bill (Ricky Symonowski) and Frank (Pete Owsianowski) tease their sister Anne as she talks on the phone to a "boy."

above: Mr. Gilbreth (Ted Meert) gives one of his daily lectures to the members of his family.

bottom left: Martha (Jill Gleason) and Anne (Carol Erickson) daydream about the difference silk stockings will make in their lives.















FFERENT LOOKS OF THE 1978 PRO



left: Announcement of the court.
below: A break from the action.

More Than An Evening

Prom night—finally it arrived. But the biggest social event of each high school year was more than a single night. Weeks and sometimes months of preparation went into this single evening known commonly as prom night.

Renting a tux; buying prom and afterprom tickets; making arrangements for dinner and buying a flower for his date were all responsibilities of the guys. The girls thought they had a much harder time. For they had to choose the flower and that special dress that no one else would be wearing.

Anticipation of the prom mounted as the school year came to a close. Then finally the day arrived. Minutes seemed to turn into hours as the countdown began.

Eventually the girl's dates arrived. Flowers were exchanged and oftentimes nervously pinned on; pictures were taken: a return to the guy's house for more pictures; and it was time to eat. The promitself followed the meal.

Friends welcomed you with snaps from their cameras—it seemed the shutters never stopped snapping! Then what? You guessed it—time for yet another picture from the professional photographer.

The court was introduced and the queen (Sandy Lundquist) and princess (Dawn Trazaskowski). Unfortunately, the disco after-prom was an option of which not many couples decided to take advantage. Breakfast might have been next, for it was not unusual for the date to last until after sunrise. In fact a trip to Tower Hill Beach the following day extended the date even longer. Prom night was indeed a very special, and memorable experience.







On To New Beginnings

May 22, 1978 marked the start of Senior week at W.H.S. during which Seniors took a "sentimental journey" filled with many memories of the past four years.

First on the agenda of Senior week was the distribution of caps and gowns on Monday. On Tuesday excitement was in the air as seniors received their last vearbooks. Wednesday marked the last full day of classes for Seniors and in addition, Seniors followed the tradition of wearing caps and gowns to school. Fllled with mixed emotions, Seniors faced the start of final exams on Thursday. The day started out a little more pleasant with the annual Seniors Awards Assembly. On Friday Seniors attended their last high school classes as they took final exams for the last time. Senior week ended not on Friday with the last class, but at midnight on Saturday as the prom came to a close.

As Sunday June 4, 1978 rolled around the memories of the past four years were still fresh in mind as seniors gathered together for the last time as a class. Leading the class of 1978 were valedictorian, Julie Wroblewski, and salutatorian, Lea Anne Robinson. The commencement exercises began at two-thirty Sunday afternoon when the Senior processional entered the packed gymnasium. As graduation ceremonies came to an end, the class of 1978 said good-bye to high school days and hello to many new beginnings.



top right: Valedictorian, Julie Wroblewski gives her valedictory address at commencement.

middle left: Salutatorian, Lea Anne Robinson gives her speech at the awards assembly.

middle right: Tim Deka receives his diploma from Anthony Luber, President of the Board of School Trustees,

bottom right: As Seniors march in procession into the gymnasium, the 1978 commencement begins.















